

# COUNTY OF RENFREW



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

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**- Ordinary Session -**

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County Council  
Pembroke, Ontario  
Wednesday, January 31, 2024

## GENERAL SESSION

The General Session of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

The Warden, Peter Emon, presided.

Warden Emon recited 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 Watt

THAT the minutes of November 29, 2023 and December 12, 2023 be adopted. CARRIED.

Warden Emon addressed Council as follows:

During the months of December and January, I attended 36 meetings on County business.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, I joined Councillor Murphy and Development and Property Committee Chair Brose, at a press conference in Eganville for a funding announcement by the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, along with John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, to recognize two local forestry companies in Renfrew County:

Lavern Heideman & Sons, in partnership with Harvest Bioindustrial Group from Burlington, will receive \$120,000 to study and increase the use of underutilized hardwoods to produce biochemicals and other products.

Roseburg Forest Products Inc. will receive \$100,000 to improve supply chain resiliency, support forest sector diversification and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by exploring energy production using forest biomass.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inaugural Meeting held in Kingston. I have been re-elected as Chair for this coming year. Peterborough County Warden Bonnie Clark was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Caucus for 2024. It will be a pleasure to serve alongside Warden Clark once again. During the meeting, the members reviewed the history and accomplishments of the Caucus, which included the Paramedic Service Refresh Report, the refreshed policy paper on housing and infrastructure, the next steps for the 7 in 7 regional housing strategy, and the engagement of EORN to develop an implementation report on housing.

From January 20 to 24, I attended, along with other members of County Council, and County staff, the ROMA Annual Conference in Toronto. During the conference, I participated in the following EOWC events:

- Delegation Meeting with Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- Delegation with Liberal Caucus
- Delegation with NDP Caucus
- Delegation with Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Delegation with Ministry of Long-Term Care – Parliamentary Assistant John Jordan

A list of delegation meetings for the County of Renfrew is included in the Finance and Administration Committee report. I would like to thank the Councillors and staff that attended the ROMA conference and advocated for the County of Renfrew, whether through important topics in their municipality or for the general betterment of all residents in the County.

I attended the AMO Board meeting on January 26. We received updates on the following:

- Housing, including the Government priorities for the next Housing Supply Action Plan
- Updating Access and Privacy Legislation
- Ontario Health and Safety Act (OHSA) City of Greater Sudbury Decision
- Energy Procurements
- Child Care Update
- Response to the Final Report of the Independent Fourth Review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

I have also participated in a Learning Session with AMO regarding Homelessness and Encampments.

On behalf of Council, I wish to express our sincere condolences to Councillor Valerie Jahn and her family on the passing of her brother Ein Neuman on December 20, 2023, and her sister Jane Jessup on December 24, 2023.

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.

Peter Emon, Warden

Delegations were heard as follows:

Jane Toller, Warden, MRC Pontiac, overviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Energy from Waste Project at 10:08 a.m. Council questioned the lower commodity recycled waste, such as plastics, and if they could be used; it was suggest that there is some flexibility as an additional conveyor belt sorts through the residual waste for recycling. Council questioned the potential start date. They were advised that the construction would take three years to build the facility. The stages were described, including the environmental stage and business plan, as well as a study on where the waste will come from to feed the facility.

Councillor Donohue questioned the position of the MRC Pontiac on the CNL Near Surface Disposal Facility for low level nuclear waste. Warden Toller explained that originally they had concerns with the lack of information required, but CNL has provided additional information on the project. She explained they also have concerns about the CNL disposal facility's location being close to the river and the flooding that occurs.

Further discussion informed Council that partnerships will not be required to provide a minimum tonnage of waste to operate the facility. The business plan will review the costs associated with delivering the waste, tipping fees, and the cost effectiveness of operating the facility. The changeover to the incinerator is planned for 2032, which provides municipalities ample time to plan and budget to be prepared to partner. Municipalities can also mine their waste sites to remove historic waste from their municipalities.

Warden Toller thanked Council and left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Mark Brillon, Sean Teixeira, and Saad El Kassab, Ainsworth attended Council at 10:53 a.m. and overviewed a PowerPoint presentation on a Climate Change Action Plan. Warden Emon questioned forestry revenue, which Ainsworth will address by reviewing the current practices and looking at revenue eligibility through biomass and advanced practices.

Councillor Donohue questioned the data mapping through the County as well as the community, which was advised that it will be done on two separate platforms that will highlight the inventory and the effort required to get the data.

The Climate Action Plan presentation concluded at 11:25 a.m.

Correspondence was read as follows:

The CAO/Clerk reviewed the Letter from Angela Cooke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Supportive Housing Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding residual funding, noting that an application will be submitted for a proposed replacement and renovation project, anticipated to be approximately \$3.5 million.

All other relevant correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate Committees.

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

January 31, 2024

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. By-Laws Governing Trail Use within County of Renfrew**

Attached as Appendix I is By-law 92-09 “A By-law to Prohibit Certain Activities on County of Renfrew-Owned Forests and Trails”. Also attached as Appendix II is By-law 119-18 “A By-law to Regulate and Govern the Use of the Lands Known as the Algonquin Trail (Formerly Known as the CP Rail Corridor) as a Linear Park”. Currently, By-law 92-09 governs the K & P Recreational Trail, while By-law 119-18 governs the Algonquin Trail. For continuity between the two, and any future, recreational trails, staff recommend repealing By-law 92-09 and amending or replacing By-law 119-18 to be all encompassing of the County’s recreational trails.

Combining into a single governing By-law is complicated as there are currently some key differences in the way the two recreational trails are governed; such as that motorcycles and dirt bikes are permitted on the K & P Recreational Trail, but not on the Algonquin Trail. Additionally, there are other uses that are not addressed in the existing By-law that would be best included, such as horse-drawn carriages and equipment used for maintenance by a Licensee. Staff will attempt to recommend a By-law that finds a ‘middle ground’ for users, such as allowing motorized bikes but requiring that users be licensed, insured, and have a permit – similar to current ATV/ORV users on the Algonquin Trail. Changing the governing By-law will require reviewing and updating the Management Plan for each of the trails; collaboration with Provincial Offences Administration (POA) staff regarding fines; and collaboration with Forestry staff regarding a By-law to govern County forests (if By-law 92-09 should be repealed).

Staff request that any input on a new or updated By-law governing County recreational trails be provided no later than February 29, 2024 for consideration for inclusion in the new By-law. Staff has also implemented consultation through [Zencity](#) to engage the public.

### **2. Record of Decision on Canadian Nuclear Laboratory – Near Surface Disposal Facility**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has announced the Commission's decision to amend the nuclear research and test establishment operating licence held by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) for Chalk River Laboratories. The amendment authorizes the construction of a near surface disposal facility (NSDF) on the Chalk River Laboratories site, which is located in Deep River, Ontario, and on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg peoples.

Based on its consideration of the information on the record for this application, the Commission concludes that:

- the factors described in paragraphs 19(1)(a) to 19(1)(h) of CEAA 2012, as determined in the Commission's March 2017 decision on the scope of the EA were considered for the NSDF Project
- the NSDF Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects as described in subsections 5(1) and 5(2) of CEAA 2012, provided that all proposed mitigation measures are implemented
- the duty to consult, and where applicable, accommodate, has been adequately discharged with respect to established or potential Aboriginal and/or treaty rights in relation to both the EA and licensing decisions
- CNL is qualified to carry on the activities that the amended licence would authorize
- in carrying on that activity, CNL will make adequate provision for the protection of the environment, the health and safety of persons and the maintenance of national security and measures required to implement international obligations to which Canada has agreed

The Commission acknowledges that CNL's NSDF Project is expected to have many phases beyond this application for a licence amendment to authorize its construction. Some of those NSDF Project phases will require licensing decisions by the Commission. The Commission notes that their decision regarding the authorization of the construction of the NSDF does not mark the end of the Crown's obligations regarding the duty to consult. The Commission expects CNSC staff and CNL to continue their respective consultation and engagement efforts over the lifecycle of the NSDF Project, and any subsequent applications to the Commission, with Indigenous rights-holders and their representatives, as well as with the public.

The amended Nuclear Research and Test Establishment Operating Licence that was issued to Canadian Nuclear Laboratories for Chalk River Laboratories will remain valid until March 31, 2028.

Attached as Appendix III is an email received from Joseph McBrearty, President and CEO thanking the County of Renfrew for their support during the application process and their continued support promoting CNL as a leader in innovation.

### **3. Atomic Energy of Canada Limited Government-owned, Contractor-operated (GoCo) Procurement Process**

As part of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL) procurement process for a new contractor to manage Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (under a Government-owned, Contractor-operated, or GoCo model), AECL recently published the [draft CNL Statement of Work for the 2025-2035 period](#).

Members of the public, interested stakeholders, Indigenous nations and communities are invited to provide comments by January 31, 2024. More details are [available here](#) and all comments should be sent to [aeclgoco@aecl.ca](mailto:aeclgoco@aecl.ca).

County Council in October 2022 was advised that in the previous Request for Expressions of Interest Government Owned Contractor Operated (GoCo) contract, the County of Renfrew wrote to the Minister of Natural Resources requesting an opportunity to provide input on their selection and that the previous ask from the County was to maintain a level of employment, investment in the campus, community development in science, and waste management. County Council passed Resolution No. DP-CC-22-10-92 "THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends to County Council that the Warden send a letter to the Federal Government reminding them of the County of Renfrew's role in the previous Request for Expressions of Interest to manage and operate Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to ensure the needs of the residents of the County of Renfrew continue to be met."

**4. Pembroke and Area Airport Update**

Attached as Appendix IV is an update from the Pembroke and Area Airport. Following the Airport's presentation to County Council in September 2023, and in an effort to keep the doors of communication open, the Airport will be providing more regular updates to County Council.

**5. Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) Membership Survey**

The OVTA has released a membership satisfaction survey to gather input and feedback from members and stakeholders. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OVTAMembership2024> and will remain open until February 2, 2024.

**6. Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) Extension of Transfer Payment Agreement**

Attached as Appendix V is a letter from the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade's Associate Minister of Small Business, Nina Tangri, confirming a one year extension for Enterprise Renfrew County's (ERC) transfer payment agreement from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

**7. Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) Webinars**

ERC is hosting a variety of webinars in January and February, including a tax information series in preparation for the upcoming tax season. More information and registration available at <https://www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com/workshops-events>.

- January 31, 2024: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Live Life SWIFT – Build Your Action Plan
- February 8, 2024: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Tax Prep for Corporations with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- February 13, 2024: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – HST Tax Information for Small Business

**8. Renfrew County Forestry Harvest Tender Results**

The 2024 Timber Harvest Tender for Renfrew County Forest closed on November 9, 2023. The results are below with successful bids highlighted in green. Bids were received for all tenders, with a total estimated revenue of \$282,600 should all operations be completed in 2024. Actual revenue will be calculated based on volume harvested and weighed, whereas bid prices are based on pre-harvest volume estimates.

Tract	Tender #	Total Bid Amount (\$)					
		1706217 Ontario Inc.	Risto Logging LTD	Lavern Heideman & Sons Limited	Len Rumleskie & Sons	Ott Family Logging	AJ Nagora Logging Ltd.
Budd Mills	01-24	121,800	144,200	129,800		135,048	
Killaloe	02-24			31,400			
LeClaire	03-24			13,700			
Petznick Lake	04-24			36,300		Rejected	
Ruby	05-24		49,150		57,000		23,350

**9. Forestry Operations Annual Update**

The 2023 Annual Report for Activities in Renfrew County Forests is attached as Appendix VI.

**10. Eastern Wolf Federal Up-Listing**

Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking comments on [Canada Gazette, Part 1, Volume 157, Number 45: Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act](#). The purpose of this posting is to change the Federal designation of Eastern Wolf from Special Concern to Threatened.

Provincially, Eastern Wolf was listed as Special Concern in 2008, renamed Algonquin Wolf and [up-listed](#) to Threatened in 2016, and changed back to Eastern Wolf by the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO) in 2021. When the name was changed back to Eastern Wolf on the Species at Risk List in January 2023, it



triggered a 2-year timeline to complete a Recovery Strategy. This has not been released to date. There was a draft recovery strategy for Algonquin Wolf in 2018, with a proposed larger hunting ban area, which brought significant backlash from [farmers](#) and [hunters](#). A final recovery strategy was not released.

Provincially, the current protection for Eastern Wolf in Ontario is:

- From a forestry on Crown land perspective, the species is covered under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and operations can continue with the regular protection of identified wolf habitat values (e.g. dens and wolf rendezvous sites).
- From a hunting/trapping perspective, since 2001, no hunting or trapping of wolves or coyotes has been permitted in Algonquin Park or surrounding townships. More areas outside of Renfrew County were added to this prohibition in 2016 (Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park, Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park and Killarney Provincial Park).

### **Why does the potential federal listing of Eastern Wolf as Threatened matter?**

Eastern Wolf is already listed and protection measures are in place in Ontario. Although the Federal listing reads as though it is for federal land, it does include the following statement:

“If the Minister formed the opinion that critical habitat on non-federal land was not effectively protected or that there was an imminent threat to species, other regulatory action could be taken under SARA [Species at Risk Act]. The socio-economic impacts of each regulatory action would be assessed if this additional protection became necessary.”

Here’s an example of this imposition on caribou in Ontario: [Government of Canada sets timeline for Ontario to take action on Boreal Caribou conservation - Canada.ca](#)

Federal listings can and usually do include additional protection provisions and mapping of critical habitat. Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), and the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) have all expressed concerns and have submitted comments (OFIA submission not finalized). Main concerns include data deficiency, duplication with existing provincial protections, impacts on other species, implications to livestock production, and potential for prohibitions and protections to apply on private land. OFA and OFAH letters are attached as Appendix VII.

Our Committee directed staff to submit comments supporting local agriculture, forest and hunting/trapping industries on the reclassification of Eastern Wolf from Special Concern to Threatened on Schedule 1 (List of Wildlife Species at Risk) of the Species at Risk Act, and any future postings on Eastern Wolf. Staff submitted as part of their comments the following points:

- Specific to the proposed amendments to Schedule 1 of the SARA, the County of Renfrew is opposed to up-listing the Eastern Wolf from Special Concern to Threatened under the SARA without assurance that the general prohibitions under the SARA for the Eastern Wolf would not be applied to private and municipal land.
- This species is already protected provincially in Ontario, where most of the range occurs. To duplicate this protection is redundant, and could potentially affect landowners and sectors adversely.
- An updated assessment and more data is needed to ensure this decision is justified. The population estimate provided is not sourced and several scientific studies show that the Eastern Wolf population in and around Algonquin Park is at its carrying capacity. Nearly a decade has passed since the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) assessment that proposed the up-listing of this species. A re-assessment, in-depth consultation and socioeconomic impact assessment should occur to ensure this recommendation is still warranted and would not cause undue societal harm for little benefit to the species.

Comments on this posting will be used to determine social-economic impacts and determine next steps.

#### 11. **Future Eganville Paramedic Base**

Work commenced in November 2023 on the first phase of the project to address Post Disaster compliance with the Post Disaster Structural Work, which was completed in December 2023. Staff met with Paramedic Service in late December 2023 to review next phase of the interior design and office renovation fit-up for the first and second level. A Request for Tender (RFT) was issued on January 10, 2024 and closed on January 25, 2024.

#### 12. **Minister Zoning Orders – McNab/Braeside**

Attached as Appendix VIII is a letter sent to the Township of McNab/Braeside from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In July 2021, the Ministry approved two Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO's) for properties in McNab/Braeside. The purpose of the MZO's were to facilitate approvals to allow manufacturing facilities to be built in the township. Firms involved in the construction and fabrication of modular agricultural buildings were expected to locate at the two sites, which would create up to 600 new full-time local jobs.

The Ministry has posted on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario \(ERO\)](#) the proposal to revoke the two MZO's. The Ministry was accepting comments until January 27, 2024, on the proposed revocations. Our Committee directed staff to provide comments on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting 019-8001, Potential Revocations, Amendments and Enhanced Monitoring of Certain Minister's Zoning Orders encouraging the Ministry to not revoke zoning orders Ontario Regulations 537/21 and 538/21.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 13. COVID Debt Recovery and CEBA Loan Deadline

#### **RESOLUTION NO. DP-CC-24-01-05**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council support the letter and resolution received from the City of Stratford requesting the Federal Government to extend the full Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) program deadline by extending the forgiveness (up to \$20,000 of the maximum \$60,000) deadline for businesses to coincide with the new repayment deadline of December 31, 2026; AND FURTHER THAT the Warden send a letter of support to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Finance Minister.

#### **Background**

Attached as Appendix IX is a letter from the City of Stratford and Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Association regarding the January 18, 2024, Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan repayment deadline for businesses. The resolution “calls upon the Federal Government to extend the full CEBA program deadline by extending the forgiveness (up to \$20,000 of the maximum \$60,000) deadline for businesses to coincide with the new repayment deadline of December 31, 2026.”

The Economic Development Division surveyed the local business community about COVID debt recovery to get a better idea of recovery efforts at the local level. The survey launched on December 18, 2023, and remained open until January 5, 2024, with a total of 42 responses. A summary of the extensive survey results was included to Committee.

## BY-LAWS

### 14. Amending By-law – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

#### **RESOLUTION NO. DP-CC-24-01-04**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council amend By-law 93-21 to execute an Amending Agreement No. 1 with His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure to extend the County of Renfrew and Ontario Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) until December 31, 2025.

#### **Background**

Staff has been advised that their request to extend the project substantial completion date to December 31, 2024, for the rehabilitation of the Algonquin Trail/Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail, has been approved and requires an executed Amending Agreement

No. 1 for Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to expire on December 31, 2025.

15. **Official Plan Amendment No. 42 – Township of McNab/Braeside**

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-CC-24-01-08**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council adopt a By-law to refuse the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 42.

**Background**

Attached as Appendix X is the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 42 and the associated detailed planning report prepared by staff. The purpose of the application is to amend the County of Renfrew Official Plan and re-designate 2.0 hectares of a 58.6 hectare farm property from “Agriculture” to “Rural” to permit the future severance of two new residential building lots. Staff have reviewed the proposed amendment and recommend that County Council refuse the application because it is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

16. **Request for Tender – RE-2024-01-RP – Eganville Paramedic Service Base Renovation  
RESOLUTION NO. DP-CC-24-01-14**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT Contract RE-2024-01-RP – Eganville Paramedic Service Base Renovation, as submitted by TS General Contracting, Pembroke, Ontario, for the proposed retrofit at the new Paramedic Service Base in Eganville, Ontario, in the amount of \$154,500, plus applicable taxes be approved; AND FURTHER THAT County Council adopt a By-law to Authorize Execution of the Contract.

**Background**

A Request for Tenders was issued for the renovation of the Eganville Paramedic Service Base. Tenders were received until 2:00 p.m., January 24, 2024 and the results of the submissions are as follows:

1. TS General Contracting, Pembroke, Ontario	\$154,500.00
2. Quality Homes and Renovations, Golden Lake, Ontario	172,249.86
3. 11425579 Canada Inc., O/A William Sons, Petawawa, Ontario	223,542.25
4. Zuracon Inc., Barry’s Bay, Ontario	309,113.40
5. Direk Construction Inc., Mississauga, Ontario	474,103.64

All amounts exclude applicable taxes.

This tender is one of a phased approach that will address the retrofit at the new Paramedic Service Base located at 34254 Highway 41, Eganville, Ontario. The building

requires several significant upgrades in order to facilitate the operational requirements for a Paramedic Service Base.

Total funds in the amount of \$400,000 have been approved in the 2024 Capital Budget for the entire renovation project and staff confirm that there are sufficient funds to complete this project as proposed. Procurement for this tender followed the processes set out in Corporate Policy GA-01, Procurement of Goods and Services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

James Brose, Chair

And Committee Members: D. Bennett, P. Emon, D. Lynch, M. MacKenzie, G. Serviss, K. Watt, R. Weir

The Report was adopted as presented.

Councillor MacKenzie provided an update on Item #12 – Minister Zoning Orders.

Councillor Nicholson questioned if there were additional opportunities to advocate for businesses with CEBA loans (Item #13), further discussion provided additional information on options for businesses.

Councillor Glenn Doncaster, Chair of the Operations Committee brought in and read the resolutions in the following report:

January 31, 2024

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. All-Way Stop Haley Station**

On November 29, 2023, County Council was advised that the Township of Whitewater Region had proposed the implementation of an all-way stop at the crossroads of County Road 61 (Godfrey Road) and County Road 61 (Haley Road) to address concerns about speeding in the hamlet of Haley Station.

County Council defeated Resolution No. OP-CC-23-11-128 “THAT County Council direct staff to advise the Township of Whitewater Region that the intersection of County Road 61 (Haley Road and Godfrey Road) with Haley Road and Fire Hall Lane does not meet the warrants for an all-way stop,” and requested staff to review the Township of Whitewater Region request and provide further information.

Subsequently, discussions have been underway between staff from the County of Renfrew Public Works and the Township of Whitewater Region to explore alternative options for traffic calming, given that a four-way stop is not advisable at this intersection. The proposed options include:

- Closing the entrance onto Haley Road at the intersection of Highway 17 (Township responsibility).
- Reverting Haley Road to gravel surface (Township responsibility).
- Narrowing Haley Road using road paint (Township responsibility).
- Introducing a chicane on Haley Road (Township responsibility).
- Installing speed bumps/humps on the Township section of Haley Road (Township responsibility).
- Adding rumble strips on the Township section of Haley Road (Township responsibility).
- Implementing digital speed signs (Township responsibility with 50/50 cost share on the County portion).
- Applying permanent road paint, indicating 60 km/hr maximum (Township responsibility with 50/50 cost share on County portion).

- Hanging intersection light, yellow/red, not warranted and would require a cost share agreement with the Township.
- Consider a roundabout intersection improvement, although this is not currently warranted and would require a cost share agreement with the Township.

A recommended course of action that both parties can agree upon will be provided at a future meeting for consideration.

## 2. **County Road 37 (Murphy Road) Road Transfer**

On December 7, 2023, a meeting took place between staff from the County of Renfrew, the Town of Petawawa, and Jp2g Consultants Inc., to discuss County Road 37 (Murphy Road). Originally planned for a complete rehabilitation spanning 2.6 kilometres from Portage Road to County Road 51 (Petawawa Boulevard) in the summer of 2023, the project scope was adjusted to 1.2 kilometres. This decision was influenced by ongoing neighbourhood developments along the roadway, prompting collaboration with the Town of Petawawa to finalize an urban design for the section between Woodland Crescent and County Road 51 (Petawawa Boulevard).

Had the County undertaken the initial planned pulverize and pave project in 2023, it was estimated that this section of road would have cost approximately \$690,000 to rehabilitate similarly to the current rural cross-section. The County has now earmarked \$1,537,635 for the project based on the Benchmark Cost for an Urban Reconstruction with Nominal Storm Sewer Replacement; however, the Town's request to incorporate an urban cross-section, including storm drainage, has led to an increased estimated cost of \$5,740,000, of which the County of Renfrew share is \$3,290,000 (60%) and the Town of Petawawa share is \$2,450,000 (40%).

## 3. **Winter Operations**

The early portion of the 2023/2024 winter season has brought relatively mild weather conditions, including rain, freezing rain, a few significant snow events in areas, light snow, and relatively mild temperatures. Table 1 provides a summary of winter events, material usage and precipitation amount for the months of November through December and attached as Appendix I, is a summary of the winter events and precipitation amounts since the 2018/2019 winter season. Both table 1 and the attachment indicate the type of events which were responded to, as well as the type and amount of material used during the response. Table 2 outlines the Significant Weather Events declared to date for the 2023/2024 winter season. Staff continues to be ready to respond to winter events as they occur.

**Table 1**

Month	No. of Event Days		Type of Event (days)			Material Used (tonnes)		Precipitation	
	Weekday	Weekend	Snow	Blowing Snow	Freezing Rain	Salt	Sand	Weather Station	Amount (mm)
<b>Nov</b>	10	2	10	0	2	1,685.4	109.4	Petawawa Bancroft	41.2 53.1
<b>Dec</b>	15	7	16	0	6	3,439.6	435.4	Petawawa Bancroft	57.2 75.7
<b>Totals</b>	25	9	26	0	8	5,125.0	544.8	Petawawa Bancroft	98.4 128.8

**Table 2**

Declaration Start			Declaration End			Reason
Dec	3	8:30AM	Dec	4	9:30AM	Snow

In viewing the data provided, it must be noted that the precipitation recorded is the total of a mixture of snow, rain and freezing rain, etc.

**4. 2024 Municipal Supply and Service**

Staff are in the process of preparing tenders for a variety of procurements relative to the maintenance, materials and services for roadway operations. A letter has been circulated to all the local municipalities, advising them of the planned tenders and providing them with an opportunity to participate.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**5. Declaration of Surplus Land – County Road 62 (Combermere Road), Part of Lot 1, Concession 6, in the Township of Madawaska Valley**

**RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-24-01-04**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council declare surplus to the needs of the County of Renfrew, the land identified as part of Lot 1, Concession 6, in the Township of Madawaska Valley, and as illustrated on the attached sketch.

**Background**

The County of Renfrew Public Works and Engineering Department has been approached by a landowner who wishes to purchase a portion of land adjacent to their property. The land currently forms a part of County Road 62 (Combermere Road) road allowance,



located in part of Lot 1, Concession 6, in the Township of Madawaska Valley, and as illustrated on the map attached as Appendix II.

The subject road allowance once formed part of a Ministry of Transportation (MTO) highway and the overall width of the road allowance in this location is greater than 50 metres, which exceeds the desired County Road Right-of-Way width of 26 metres as identified in County Policy PW-01, Road Classification and Design. Staff have reviewed the location and determined that there are no roadside features which would need to be preserved in the area requested and are in favour of selling the identified portion of the road allowance to the adjacent landowner. The actual dimensions of the land to be transferred will be determined by a legal survey and the sale of the property shall meet the requirements of County Policy GA-02, Disposal of Assets.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **6. Speed Limit By-law Update**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-24-01-02**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council pass a Speed Limit By-law to revise the location for the 60 km/hr speed limit on County Road 512 (Foymount Road) currently set from Civic Address 3467 Foymount Road to Miller Road to reflect Civic Address 3467 Foymount Road to Lake Clear Road; AND FURTHER THAT By-law 64-22 be repealed.

#### **Background**

In September of 2021, County Council approved a temporary reduction to the posted speed limit of County Road 512 (Foymount Road) between Civic Address 3467 and Miller Road at the request of the Township of Bonnechere Valley. The letter of request, attached as Appendix III, outlines safety concerns along the subject section of County Road 512 (Foymount Road) due to the deteriorating state of the roadway.

As part of a 2023 capital works project, Foymount Road was reconstructed between Miller Road and Lake Clear Road. As such, both County staff and the Township of Bonnechere Valley are in favour of returning the posted speed limit to 80km/hr for this section of road. Foymount Road would remain 60km/hr between 3467 Foymount Road and Lake Clear Road until the reconstruction of that section is complete.

### **7. A By-Law to Regulate the Parking of Vehicles on or Adjacent to County Roadways**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-24-01-03**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council amend By-law No. 65-21 for the regulation of parking along County Roads to alter the regulations for parking on County Road 52 (Burnstown Road).

### **Background**

Attached as Appendix IV, is a request from the Township of McNab/Braeside that the County of Renfrew implement a “No Parking” zone along a section of County Road 52 (Burnstown Road). Staff has reviewed the area of concern and is in support of restricting parking in this area due to the close proximity to the Burnstown Bridge and County Road 508 (Calabogie Road) intersection, as well as the narrow lanes that are available due to the presence of guiderails and buildings in the area.

The amended By-law includes “No Parking” on both sides of County Road 52 (Burnstown Road) from the intersection of County Road 508 (Calabogie Road) to the northern limit of the Burnstown Bridge, being a distance of approximately 250 metres. The Township of McNab/Braeside will be responsible for enforcement of the no parking zone in accordance with the County of Renfrew By-law. A map showing the location of the proposed restriction has been included as Appendix V.

### **8. PWC-2024-07 – Rehabilitation of County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-24-01-05**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve Contract PWC-2024-07 as submitted by Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew, Ontario, for rehabilitation of County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge) in the amount of \$1,564,071, plus applicable taxes; AND FURTHER THAT County Council adopt a By-law to execute the Contract.

#### **Background**

County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge) is located on Butler Road, approximately 1km south of Highway 60, in the Township of Admaston/Bromley.

A Request for Tenders was issued for the rehabilitation of Butler Bridge. Tenders were received until 2:00 p.m., January 11, 2024 and the results of the submissions are as follows:

1. Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew, Ontario	\$1,564,071.00
2. KB Civil Constructors Inc., North York, Ontario	1,669,000.00
3. 2274084 Ontario Ltd o/a GMP Contracting, Markham, Ontario	1,704,517.35
4. Dalcon Constructors Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario	1,767,000.00
5. Bellai Alliance Civil Inc., Ottawa, Ontario	1,779,852.00
6. Willis Kerr Contracting Ltd., Mountain, Ontario	1,786,184.00
7. Clearwater Structures Inc., Ajax, Ontario	1,790,631.00
8. GIP Paving Inc., Kingston, Ontario	1,887,570.10
9. R.W. Tomlinson Limited, Ottawa, Ontario	2,147,613.00
10. Fidelity Engineering & Construction Inc., Colborne, Ontario	2,148,000.00

All amounts exclude applicable taxes

**Financial Implications**

Funds in the amount of \$1,400,000 are proposed for the rehabilitation of County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge). A comparison of the 2024 budget and projected costs is provided in the table below:

County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge)	Low Tender		
	2024 Budget	Projected	Variance Over/(Under)
Construction	1,100,000.00	1,564,071.00	464,071.00
Engineering - Design/Tendering	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Engineering - Contract Admin/Supervision	110,000.00	130,000.00	20,000.00
Material Testing (Allowance)	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Contingency	148,980.50	78,203.55	(70,776.95)
Applicable Taxes	21,019.50	29,393.93	8,374.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400,000.00</b>	<b>1,821,668.48</b>	<b>421,668.48</b>

\* Projected costs are based on Tender results, internal costs, and line painting

Staff will review the impact that this project will have on other proposed capital projects in 2024 to confirm that there are sufficient funds proposed in the 2024 Capital Budget to complete the project as tendered.

9. **Culvert Assumption – C338 (McMahon Road Culvert)**

**RESOLUTION NO. OP-CC-24-01-06**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council adopt a By-law to amend Schedule 'B' of By-law 10-15, being a By-law to Consolidate all By-laws with respect to Roads and Bridges included in the County Road System, to add County Structure C338 (McMahon Road Culvert) to the County Road System effective February 1, 2024.

**Background**

On June 28, 2023, County Council passed Resolution OP-CC-23-06-77 as follows:

“THAT County Council approve the assumption of McMahon Road Culvert on McMahon Road, 0.18km east of Ferguslea Road, Township of Admaston/ Bromley; AND FURTHER THAT costs for design and construction on McMahon Road Culvert be shared equally between the County of Renfrew and the Township of Admaston/Bromley; AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to complete the design for the replacement of McMahon Road Culvert and present 2023 budget implications at a future meeting.”

Subsequently, at the September 27, 2023 meeting of County Council, it was advised that the design for McMahon Road Culvert had been completed and that due to the culvert's failed state of condition, the Operations Committee directed staff to proceed with the replacement of the culvert under the 2023 Capital Budget in the estimated amount of \$100,000 for the County portion of the project costs. The replacement of the culvert was completed in November 2023.

The new culvert is located on McMahon Road, 0.18km east of Ferguslea Road, in the Township of Admaston/Bromley. The culvert was designed to meet the requirements of the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code, Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Highway Drainage Design Standards, and County Policy PW-02, Bridges. As per Policy PW-02, "Following replacement, an amending By-law shall be passed by County Council to finalize the transfer to the County of Renfrew."

County staff have all design drawings, calculations, and specifications on file. Additionally, they have reviewed the replaced culvert and found no deficiencies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Glenn Doncaster, Chair

And Committee Members: D. Bennett, P. Emon, D. Lynch, M. MacKenzie, K. Watt, M. Willmer

The Report was adopted as presented.

Councillor Serviss provided an update on Item #2 County Road 37 (Murphy Road) Road Transfer discussions and negotiations between the Town of Petawawa and the County of Renfrew. Warden Emon suggested that updates are presented during the Operation Committee Meetings, including resolutions, for further discussion.

Councillor Donohue questioned if the property is owned by the adjoining owner on Item #5, in which it is.

Council recessed at 12:03 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:01 p.m. with the same persons present.

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

January 31, 2024

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. County of Renfrew Paramedic Service Community Programs**

The initiatives undertaken by the Community Programs in December demonstrates a commitment to community-centered healthcare, innovative solutions, and effective collaboration with various stakeholders.

Education Day with Dr. Kristian Davis:

In December, the Community Paramedic Program hosted an Education Day supported by Dr. Kristian Davis, Medical Advisor to the Community Paramedic Program. The event focused on utilizing a review tool and strategies to empower a diverse range of patients to stay safely at home, aiming to enhance patient care and foster home safety.

Skin Tear Program:

This initiative involved the initiation of a six-month trial collaboration with Home and Community Care and Social Services to implement a new Skin Tear Program. The primary goal is to keep clients at home, providing wound treatment without the need for Emergency Room visits. This underscores the program's dedication to community-based healthcare solutions.

Refining Referral Processes:

The Community Paramedic Program is actively strengthening its partnership with *Caredove, an e-Referral management platform for home care and community service providers*, to streamline the referral process and enhance engagement with external partners efficiently. The adoption of this technology by both Ontario Health Teams in the region will significantly improve referral and communication with partners, reflecting a commitment to optimizing processes and fostering collaboration within the healthcare network.

Enhancements to Prehos Database:

The Prehos EMR database, a point of care data management system used by the Service is being refined with the goal to enable collection of live and accurate patient status data. This improvement will provide timely and precise patient care information.

Champlain Regional Stroke Network Collaboration:

The ongoing collaboration with the Champlain Regional Stroke Network showcases a commitment to expanding programs for conditions like TIA (mini strokes), with the aim of reaching a larger group of individuals in need.

Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre Statistics for December 2023:

- 5,907 medical reception triage encounters (inbound phone calls)
- 3,165 virtual visits booked with RC VTAC physicians,
- 367 in-person visits booked with paramedics at Clinical Assessment Centres across Renfrew County.

Focused Paramedic Health Review Program:

The Focused Paramedic Health Review program expanded to Barry's Bay in collaboration with the Madawaska Valley Family Health Team. This program successfully completed 41 health reviews since its launch, targeting unattached patients without a family physician or nurse practitioner.

## **2. Emergency Management Compliance – 2023**

The annual submission to the Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management was completed in December 2023. Health Committee, as the Emergency Management Planning Committee, took part in an exercise in October of 2023, as required to meet compliance legislation. A Certificate of Compliance for 2023 should be received in March 2024.

## **3. Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 Emergency Plans Attestation Form**

The Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 (FLTCA) requires all long-term care homes to have specific emergency plans in place and administrators to annually attest to the fact that these requirements are being met. These requirements are set out in Section 90 of the FLTCA and Sections 268, 269, and 270 of Ontario Regulation 246/22. The Director of Long-Term Care, Administrator of Miramichi Lodge, Mr. Blackmore, and Administrator of Bonnechere Manor, Mr. Quade, completed the Emergency Planning Attestation forms, and submitted by the December 31, 2023, deadline.

## **4. Short-Stay Respite Care Bed 2024 Application**

The Ontario Regulation 246/22 under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 defines the short-stay program as a program in which a person is admitted to a long-term care home for a definite number of days. The Home and Community Care Support Services require that Long-Term Care Homes that operate short-stay respite care beds within their approved/licensed bed complement formally apply each year through the Short-Stay Care Beds Application. Due to the pandemic, and low staffing complement the respite programs at each Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge were paused March 2020. Miramichi Lodge reopened two short-stay beds in February 2023 and will continue to

provide this service in 2024. Bonnechere Manor will consider the reopening of the two short-stay beds in 2025 if the staffing complement permits. Both Homes completed and submitted their applications, by the deadline of December 29, 2023.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **5. Renovation Project - Bonnechere Manor Serveries**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. H-CC-24-01-05**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve \$25,000 carry forward from the Bonnechere Manor 2023 Capital Budget to the Bonnechere Manor 2024 Capital Budget to accommodate the cabinet renovation project; AND FURTHER THAT the Finance and Administration Committee be so advised.

#### **Background**

The cabinet replacement project for the Bonnechere Manor serveries was scheduled to start December 2023; however due to supply backorders, this project was delayed. We are requesting approval to carry forward \$25,000 in the Bonnechere Manor 2023 Capital Budget to the 2024 Capital Budget.

### **6. Leave of Absence Request**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. H-CC-24-01-011**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT Council accept the written leave of absence received from Councillor Valerie Jahn until her return, or up to three months as per s.73(d) of the Procedural By-law.

#### **Background**

Council Valerie Jahn submitted a request for up to three months leave of absence as per s.73(d) of the Procedural By-law.

## **BY LAWS**

### **7. 2023/24 Virtual Care Programs - Online Appointment Booking Agreement**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. H-CC-24-01-02**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council adopt a By-law authorizing the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to sign the 2023/24 Virtual Care Programs – Online Appointment Booking Agreement with Ontario Health.

**Background**

The Ministry of Health has approved funding to Ontario Health for the Online Appointment Booking project, administered through the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team (OVOHT). This project aims to support and improve access to primary care through the implementation of online booking for patients. The implementation of Online Booking will improve access and the patient experience, as they will be able to book appointments with their primary care provider online. This will provide more choice to patients in how and when they access their care as well as increasing their ability to schedule based on their individual needs.

**8. Pre-Authorization for Funding Associated Agreements****RESOLUTION NO. H-CC-24-01-03**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council adopt a By-law authorizing the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to sign all agreements with respect to programs being delivered by the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team (OVOHT) where agreements are necessary with funding agencies including, but not limited to, the Province, Ontario Health, etc., provided sufficient funds are in place with the OVOHT.

**Background**

Request to have pre-approval for the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to have authority to sign for all agreements with funding agencies such as Ontario Health, etc. to ensure timely response and not defer/postpone funding opportunities for the County of Renfrew.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Michael Donohue, Chair

And Committee Members: P. Emon, D. Grills, J. Murphy, N. Nicholson, R. Weir, M. Willmer

The Report was adopted as presented.



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

January 31, 2024

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. **2024 Child Care, EarlyON Child and Family Centres, and Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Funding**

Attached as Appendix I is a memorandum dated November 30, 2023, from Holly Moran, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years and Child Care Division for the Ministry of Education regarding the 2024 Child Care, EarlyON Child and Family Centres and Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding.

The following chart outlines the total 2024 Child Care, EarlyON and CWELCC allocation for the County of Renfrew:

Allocation	Amount
Child Care Allocation	\$8,394,331
EarlyON Allocation	\$1,558,506
Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care System Allocation	\$8,819,083
Indigenous-Led Child Care and Child and Family Programs Allocation	\$212,095
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,984,015</b>

2. **Ontario's Child Care Workforce Strategy**

Attached as Appendix II is a memorandum dated November 16, 2023, from Holly Moran, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years and Child Care Division for the Ministry of Education, regarding the introduction of the Ontario Child Care Workforce Strategy. This strategy is intended to support the recruitment and retention of qualified professionals, help achieve system growth, and ensure increased access to high quality licensed child care in the province.

Key highlights of the strategy include:

- Increasing the wage floor for eligible Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECE) from \$20 to \$23.86 for program staff and from \$22 to \$24.86 for supervisors and RECE Home Child Care Visitors.
- Increasing the eligibility ceiling for eligible RECE staff so more can benefit from workforce compensation benefits.
- Funding for one professional development day for all staff working in licensed centres, home-based care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres.
- The establishment of an Innovation Fund to develop local strategies to support the Child Care and Early Years workforce.
- Expansion of the Early Childhood Education Qualifications Upgrade Program to enhance the support of individuals who work in the Child Care and Early Years sectors and are pursuing an Early Childhood Education diploma.
- Making amendments to existing regulations to remove barriers within the workforce.

On December 11, 2023, follow up information on Ontario's Child Care Workforce Strategy was released in a memorandum from Iyana Browne, Acting Director, Child Care Branch for the Ministry of Education, detailing some regulatory changes that were made to the Child Care and Early Act, 2014, to assist in the strategy. The memorandum is attached as Appendix IIa.

3. **Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Administration Funding**

On December 12, 2023, a meeting was held with the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), 47 Leads, and Children's Services Leads to discuss recent changes to the Child Care, EarlyON Child and Family Centres and Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding allocations for 2024 announced by the Ministry of Education, focusing on the reduction of administration funding. Attached as Appendix III is a slide deck created by the Municipal Members of the Provincial-Municipal Early Years and Child Care Technical Working Group, outlining the changes, potential impacts, and key messages for Service System Managers throughout the Province.

**BY-LAWS**

4. **Amendment to By-law 49-17- County of Renfrew Licensed Home Child Care Policies and Procedures**

**RESOLUTION NO. CS-CC-24-01-02**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve By-law No. 49-17 be amended, authorizing the County of Renfrew to approve the addition of a new policy to the Licensed Home Child Care Policies and Procedures.

**Background**

On April 19, 2017, the County of Renfrew Child Care and Early Years Division received a license from the Ministry of Education to operate a Licensed Home Child Care Agency. There are Policies and Procedures that have been created to guide this program. On November 16, 2023, the Ministry of Education informed all licensees that changes have been made to O. Reg. 137/15 under the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014, outlining their requirement to have a safe arrival and dismissal policy for children in all of their programs.

Attached as Appendix IV is the By-law to amend By-law 49-17, as well as the new policy LHCC-20 – Safe Arrival and Dismissal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Anne Giardini, Chair

And Committee Members: P. Emon, D. Grills, D. Mayville, N. Nicholson, G. Serviss

The Report was adopted as presented.

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

January 31, 2024

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. Legal Services**

The County of Renfrew does not employ an in-house solicitor to provide legal advice but has a historical relationship with McNab, Stewart & Prince, Barristers & Solicitors on a retainer basis. Staff have reviewed our files and resolutions, and cannot determine when an agreement was put in place, nor the terms of that engagement. However, given the increasing complexity of issues faced by the County, staff feel that it would now be appropriate to consider the needs of the Corporation and move forward with a renewed contract for legal services. Regularly, different departments retain legal counsel based on the needs of the moment or the situation that needs a specific skillset, but it would behove the County to have a singular firm engaged as a vendor of record for the more regular legal consultations.

To that end, and in the absence of a formal agreement, the Chief Administrative Officer has provided notice to Mr. David Stewart that we will be seeking to formalize a relationship with a vendor of record, and a request for proposal will be launched in the weeks to come and a report will be provided.

### **2. Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Annual Conference Delegations**

The County of Renfrew was successful in obtaining five delegations at the ROMA Annual Conference held from January 21 to 23, 2024. Attached as Appendix I are the position papers for the following delegations:

- January 23, 2024 Minister of Health: Seeking the Government of Ontario's policy and financial support to better engage people in our communities struggling with life-threatening mental health, addictions and homelessness circumstances. The County of Renfrew respectfully requested funding support of \$2.1 million annually for the creation and operation of "The Community Well-Being Program" serving 17 municipalities within the County of Renfrew, the City of Pembroke and the Algonquins of Pikwakangan. This recommendation and request for Provincial assistance came from extensive research into crisis response services provincially,

nationally, and internationally and requires immediate provincial support to ensure sustainability and increased health and social services integration.

- January 22, 2024, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Requesting that the Province fund and launch a new round of funding of the Municipal Modernization Fund that would enable municipalities of all sizes to build on the progress and efforts made during previous iterations.
- January 23, 2024, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport: Regarding our region being full of innovative, resilient and dedicated professionals that, if offered greater support, would produce higher incremental gains than any other region in the province. The County of Renfrew discussed increasing funding to Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization – Regional Tourism Organization 11 (OHTO – RTO11) through an enhanced funding model and the possibility of restoring the 20% funding reduction which took place in April 2019.
- January 23, 2024, Minister of Transportation: Regarding the expansion and widening of Highway 17/416 remains a top priority for the County of Renfrew, on behalf of its residents, businesses and visitors. The implementation of a strategic plan aimed at elevating and enhancing safety measures along the Highway 17 corridor within the County of Renfrew, incorporating established traffic safety construction practices.
  - During this delegation, staff were also successful in presenting the position paper seeking the Government of Ontario's policy and financial support in a review of Pavement Condition Indices (PCI), with a view to a standardized approach across the province that better aligns with the flexibility of local asset management planning.
- January 23, 2024, Solicitor General: Seeking financial support from the Government of Ontario to improve first responder interoperability, access and reliability of the public safety radio systems in the County of Renfrew. An updated system was recently installed at the Renfrew Central Ambulance Communication Centre (CACC) at a cost of \$360,140.

### 3. **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Mileage Rates - 2024**

In June 2018, County Council adopted Resolution No. FA-CC-18-06-76 which directed that effective January 1, 2019 the mileage rates for the County of Renfrew will be increased annually as per the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) mileage per kilometer rate. The Canada Revenue Agency Automobile Allowance rates for 2024 have increased to 70 cents per kilometer for the first 5,000 kilometers and 64 cents over 5,000 kilometers.

### 4. **Insurance Rates – 2024**

An email was received from MIS Municipal Insurance Services advising that our annual renewal premium for the County of Renfrew for 2024 will be an increase of 8% over the 2023 premium. The driving factors behind our premium increases are a 5% increase in our liability rates, a 3% increase in auto rates, a 5% increase in property insurance rates, a 38 % increase in medical malpractice and cyber liability remains unchanged. This

increase is a result of insurers working to adjust premiums to align with the new and growing exposure.

Insurance premiums for municipalities across the province continue to rise; it is the understanding of staff that the average 2024 premium increase is around 12%. Due to the continuing pressure of this issue, AMO has created a working group to study the problem. Their first report was prepared in August 2023 and is available upon request.

#### **5. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)**

Attached as Appendix II is a letter dated December 14, 2023 from Alan Spacek, Chair, MPAC Board of Director, providing details of the 2024 funding requirement. Due to the current economic situation, MPAC is facing the need to increase the levy amount to address the impact of inflation on their operations, including rising labour costs. Based on assessment data, the annual 2024 levy amount for the County of Renfrew will be \$1,570,574.71 a 1.96% increase over 2023. The 2023 funding requirement for the County of Renfrew was \$1,540,414.86.

Attached as Appendix III is an email dated December 18, 2023 from Jennifer Gruntz, Account Manager, Zone 6, MPAC forwarding the communication from Mary Dawson-Cole, Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, MPAC, providing the Assessment Change Summary. This document provides a high-level description of the assessment changes within the County of Renfrew. The 2020 tax year was the last year in the legislated four-year assessment cycle, based on the 2016 CVA. In August, the Ontario government once again extended the postponement of a province-wide reassessment through the end of the 2021-2024 assessment cycle. Therefore, the 2024 tax year will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values and there will be no phased-in growth in 2024. However, the assessment roll may still change from 2023 to 2024 due to changes in the state and condition of properties.

#### **6. Renfrew County and District Health Unit - Board of Health – 2024 Funding**

Attached as Appendix IV is a letter dated December 13, 2023 from Heather Daly, Chief Executive Officer, Renfrew County and District Health Unit, giving notice to the County of Renfrew that the Board of Health estimates it will require \$1,954,497.00 to defray its expenses for 2024, which is an increase of 10.55% from 2023. 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:

- 2024 RCDHU Levy Considerations and Assumptions for the 2024 Funding year: Mandatory Programs;
- Breakdown by Obligated Municipalities; and
- History of the Municipal Levy from 1987 – 2024.

7. **Renfrew County and District Health Unit - Board of Health - 2023 Statement of Remuneration**

Attached as Appendix V is a letter dated January 8, 2024 from Heather Daly, Chief Executive Officer, Renfrew County and District Health Unit, providing an itemized statement of remuneration and expenses paid for 2023 for the members of County Council appointed to the Board of Health.

8. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Attached as Appendix VI is an email dated December 13, 2023 that includes the Financial Indicator Review – 2022 and the Municipal Financial Profiles for the County of Renfrew. The Ministry reviews the indicators from time-to-time, to make sure they provide useful information and this year they have made one minor change to the way the Cash Ratio indicator is presented. Previously it was presented in ratio format, and has been changed to a percentage to be consistent with other indicators.

The Municipal Financial Profile spreadsheet contains data points from the Financial Information Returns, as well as a variety of calculations based on the FIR information. Other information comes from sources such as the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Statistics Canada and the On-Line Property Tax Analysis (OPTA) system.

9. **Town of Arnprior – Community Improvement Plan**

The County of Renfrew received a request from the Town of Arnprior to participate in a Brownfield Remediation Tax Assistance Program (BRTAP), attached as Appendix VII are the supporting documents. At the November 29, 2023 session of County Council, Resolution No. FA-CC-23-11-99 was adopted, directing staff to review the information from the Town of Arnprior and provide a report to a future meeting of County Council detailing the projected impact to the County of Renfrew to participate in the tax assistance program for the Town of Arnprior.

This program is an incentive under the Town of Arnprior Community Improvement Plan to provide a grant equal to a portion of the tax implication on increasing current value assessment due to property improvements in order to incentivize the clean-up and development of certain properties. The Province of Ontario has a similar program in place (Brownfields Financial Tax Incentive Program) which provides for education property tax reductions. The County of Renfrew does not have a policy in place to provide a similar incentive (we do not have an upper tier Community Improvement Plan) and have not received any similar requests previously. It appears that this is the first request for a Brownfields Tax Adjustment within the County of Renfrew.

The property in question appears to meet all the conditions of both the Town of Arnprior's Brownfield Remediation Tax Assistance Program (BRTAP) and the Province of Ontario Brownfields Financial Tax Incentive Program, which are as follows:

- the property in question is covered by a Community Improvement Plan; and
- a phase two environmental site assessment completed which concludes that remediation action must be taken.

The request would provide a grant to OVD Inc. for a maximum of 75% of the lesser of actual costs incurred to remediate the site or \$1,495,667.00 (current estimate of remediation costs) over a maximum of 10 years. The grant is calculated as 75% of the increase in property tax due to the reassessment of the property caused by the clean-up and development each year. It is estimated this will cost the County of Renfrew \$336,525.00 and the maximum grant amount will be disbursed over 9 years. The grant is not transferable should the ownership of the property change.

The County of Renfrew has historically not entered into agreements that would favor specific property owners or special interests, in keeping with the desire to maintain tax fairness and equality across all property tax owners in the County. However, in the instance of Brownfield Remediation, staff felt the presence of both a local policy and a provincial policy warranted consideration for approval of this grant and any similar grants in the future. Our Committee reviewed the staff recommendation and Resolution No.: FA-C-24-01-07 was defeated:

“THAT the Finance and Administration Committee recommends to County Council that a request for participation in a Brownfield Remediation Tax Assistance Program (BRTAP) from the Town of Arnprior for OVD Inc., owner of the property at 12 Thomas Street, Arnprior be approved with the following principles:

- 1) A total grant payable value of 75% of eligible costs, not to exceed a maximum cap of \$1,121,750.00 (shared between the County of Renfrew and Town of Arnprior);
- 2) The grant payment period being phased over a maximum of ten years of development; and
- 3) That the annual grant payable be set at 75% of the tax increment (new tax revenues less existing tax revenues) subject to the establishment of, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the Brownfield Remediation Tax Assistance Program (BRTAP) Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Brownfield Remediation Tax Assistance Program (BRTAP) Agreement and a By-law be brought to a future session of County Council.”

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **10. AMO Policy Update – Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-24-01-06**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council supports the following resolution from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO):

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life;



WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

### **Background**

Attached as Appendix VIII is correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) regarding their advocacy efforts with the Province of Ontario to ensure that a social and economic prosperity review are completed, given the financial challenges faced by all municipalities.

## **11. Signing Authority – Bank of Montreal**

### **RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-24-01-08**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve that the signing authority for the Corporation of the County of Renfrew Bank of Montreal accounts be updated to remove Jeffrey Foss and add Gwen Dombroski; FURTHER THAT two (2) of the following four (4) names have signing authority; Peter Emon, Craig Kelley, Daniel Burke and Gwen Dombroski.

### **Background**

With the retirement of Jeffrey Foss, Director of Corporate Services it is necessary to update the signing authorities for the Bank of Montreal Accounts.

12. **2024 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Membership Dues**

**RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-24-01-09**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve the 2024 membership fee to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in the amount of \$23,859.16 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 2023 was \$23,093.95 including HST. The membership for 2024 is \$23,859.16 including HST which is a 3.3% increase over 2023. The 2024 Budget will include a provision for this continued payment.

13. **2024 Membership of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

**RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-24-01-10**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve the 2024 membership fee to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in the amount of \$10,105.57 including HST.

**Background**

The County of Renfrew is presently a member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). The membership fee for 2023 was \$9,811.42 including HST. The membership fee for 2024 is \$10,105.57 including HST, which is a 3.0% increase over 2023. The 2024 Budget will include a provision for this continued payment.

14. **City of Greater Sudbury – Resolution – Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of “Employer”**

**RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-24-01-12**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council supports Resolution No. CC2023-303 passed by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023 seeking an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “Employer”;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable John Yakubuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP, the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and all Ontario municipalities.

**Background**

Attached as Appendix IX is the email dated December 14, 2023 from the City of Greater Sudbury seeking support for their resolution requesting the province to amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project.

15. **Leave of Absence Request**

**RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-24-01-17**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT Council accept the written leave of absence received from Councillor Valerie Jahn until her return, or up to three months as per s.73(d) of the Procedural By-law.

**Background**

Council Valerie Jahn submitted a request for up to three months leave of absence as per s.73(d) of the Procedural By-law. This request was also supported by Health Committee.

**BY-LAWS**

16. **Corporate Policies and Procedures – Human Resources**

**RESOLUTION NO. FA-CC-24-01-13**

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Committee

THAT County Council approve the following amended Corporate Policies:

- a) A-03 Recruitment; and
- b) J-06 Return of Service Incentive Program;  
AND the following new Corporate Policy:
- c) A-19 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy;  
AND the removal of the following Corporate Policy:
- d) A-09b Equality and Diversity;

AND FURTHER THAT a By-law to amend By-law 63-03, being a By-law to establish Human Resources Corporate Policies and Procedures for the County of Renfrew be adopted.

## **Background**

The Corporate Policies are attached as Appendix X:

### **a) A-03 Recruitment**

Updated this policy to include Section 6, which introduces hiring incentives for non-union positions that are difficult to staff.

### **b) A-09b Equality and Diversity**

The removal of this policy due to the expanded scope in Policy A-19 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and from the last update made to A-09 Misconduct in the Workplace.

### **c) A-19 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**

This new policy affirms the County of Renfrew's ongoing commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI). The County recognizes that diversity is an asset, and that equity and inclusion can be fostered through the choices we make as individuals and as an organization. The County welcomes all persons and endeavors to uphold an inclusive environment that leverages and promotes the unique experiences, skills and abilities of our people. We strive to identify and remove barriers that impede equity and inclusion while also ensuring municipal services, facilities, information, and communication are accessible and inclusive for all.

### **d) J-06 Return of Service Incentive Program**

Updated this policy to extend the eligibility timeframe to June 30, 2024.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jennifer Murphy, Chair

And Committee Members: J. Brose, G. Doncaster, M. Donohue, P. Emon, A. Giardini, D. Mayville

Councillor Lynch requested that Item #9 - 1. Town of Arnprior – Community Improvement Plan, be severed from the report.

Councillor Donohue spoke to Item #10 - AMO Policy Update – Social and Economic Prosperity Review in regards to the food strategy/production and farm/agricultural tax levy and reestablishing a fiscal balance. Warden Emon requested a letter from Councillor Donohue, Admaston Bromley to take back to AMO, Councillor Murphy requested the letter to be submitted at the ROMA Board as well.

The Report was adopted as presented, excluding Item #9.

Moved by Councillor Donohue  
Seconded by Councillor Willmer

THAT the following By-laws be enacted and passed:

- a) By-law 6-24 –A By-Law To Amend By-Law 93-21 Being a By-Law to Execute a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) COVID Resiliency Fund for Improvements to the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail/Algonquin Trail in the Town of Laurentian Hills.
- b) By-Law 7-24 -A By-Law to Refuse Amendment No. 42 to the Official Plan of the County Of Renfrew.
- c) By-law 8-24 –A By-Law to Authorize Speed Limits.
- d) By-law 9-24 - A By-Law to Amend By-Law 65-21 Regulate the Parking of Vehicles on or Adjacent to County Roadways.
- e) By-Law 10-24 - A By-Law for the Execution of Contract PWC-2024-07 Rehabilitation of County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge).
- f) By-Law 11-24 -A By-Law to Amend By-Law 10-15 Being a By-Law to Consolidate all By-Laws With Respect to Roads and Bridges Included in the County Road System.
- g) By-law 12-24 - A By-Law Authorizing the Warden and Clerk to Execute an Agreement Between the County of Renfrew and Ontario Health for Funding Support for the 2023/24 Virtual Care Programs – Online Appointment Booking Agreement.
- h) By-law 13-24 - A By-Law Granting Authority to the Warden and Clerk to Execute all Funding Agreements Between the County of Renfrew and Funding Agencies Including, but not Limited to the Province, Ontario Health, Etc.
- i) By-law 14-24 - A By-Law to Amend By-Law 49-17 - To Establish Policies and Procedures for Licensed Home Child Care Services for the County of Renfrew.
- j) By-law 15-24 - A By-Law to Amend By-Law 63-03 Human Resources Corporate Policies and Procedures for the County of Renfrew.
- k) By-law 16-24 – A By-Law for the Execution of Contract Re-2024-01-RP Eganville Paramedic Service Base, 34254 Highway 41, Eganville, Ontario.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Serviss  
Seconded by Councillor Giardini

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal for the purpose of a) Labour relations or employee negotiations (collective bargaining).  
TIME 1:41 p.m. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Giardini  
Seconded by Councillor Weir

THAT this resume as an open session of County Council. Time: 1:46 p.m. CARRIED.

### 13. Written Reports from Representatives Appointed to External Boards

- a) Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) – No Report
- b) Chalk River Laboratories Environmental Stewardship Council – No Report

- c) Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) – No Report
- d) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – No Report
- e) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA). No Report

Councillor Lynch provided a Notice of Motion to bring back the following resolution to the February 28, 2024 County Council Meeting:

THAT County Council approves a request for participation in a Brownfield Remediation Tax Assistance Program (BRTAP) from the Town of Arnprior for OVD Inc., owner of the property at 12 Thomas Street, Arnprior be approved with the following principles:

- 4) A total grant payable value of 75% of eligible costs, not to exceed a maximum cap of \$1,121,750.00 (shared between the County of Renfrew and Town of Arnprior);
- 5) The grant payment period being phased over a maximum of ten years of development; and
- 6) That the annual grant payable be set at 75% of the tax increment (new tax revenues less existing tax revenues) subject to the establishment of, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the Brownfield Remediation Tax Assistance Program (BRTAP) Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Brownfield Remediation Tax Assistance Program (BRTAP) Agreement and a By-law be brought to a future session of County Council.

Councillor Nicholson presented the following resolution:

Moved By: Councillor Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Murphy

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

**WHEREAS** in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

**WHEREAS** in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

**WHEREAS** in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Ontario), the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks





Moved by Councillor Nicholson  
Seconded by Councillor Willmer

THAT County Council adjourn. Time – 2:13 p.m. CARRIED.