

Fellow Councillors and staff.

Since my last report to Council I have attended a Rural Mayors Forum of Eastern Ontario in the village of Lanark. MPP Randy Hillier was in attendance and was questioned by many as to the Provincial grant processes.

A presentation was delivered by Jim Pine and Lisa Severnson that updated members on the status of internet service in eastern Ontario as well as the advancement of cel phone access. I asked if Eorn could provide a website where you could enter your postal code a get a list of internet service providers in your area. We were told that Eorn could not do that.

On Tuesday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> I attended meetings of Social Services and of Property and Development for the first look at their proposed budgets for 2016.

This concludes my report.