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2011 October 25

Dear *Sammy!*

A Community Wish List: to open our hearts that no child, teen, adult or senior in our community will miss the joyous celebration of Christmas

Our North Renfrew community has come together for the past 19 years for the "Community Christmas Basket Program". Some members of our community are not fortunate enough to have all the means associated with Christmas. Financially disadvantaged families and individuals are provided with gift certificates for Christmas dinner and small gifts and toys for their children. Over the years this has developed into a fair, time effective and cost comprehensive program. Many family members have expressed their overwhelming gratitude for this special Christmas gift. Last year over 121 families, including 205 adults and seniors and 86 children, were served.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will again organize this event on behalf of our community. If you have any new ideas, special contributions, or questions, please contact the numbers below.

The success of the Christmas Basket Program for 2011 will once more flourish with the generosity of groups and individuals in our community. Financial contributions will be gratefully received on or before December 15, 2011.

Please contact the Fire Hall in Deep River if you have toys you wish to donate.

Cheques should be made payable to North Renfrew Family Services (Christmas Basket), Box 1334, Deep River, ON KOJ 1P0. Tax receipts are issued for all donations. Cash may be taken to the NRFS office in the Medical Building, 109 Banting Drive.

If you require further information, please contact me at 613-584-2897, or North Renfrew Family Services at 613-584-3358.

Yours sincerely,

Lucille Levinski

Lucille Levinski, Chair

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**The Deep River and Area
Unity in Diversity Committee**
Box 636, Deep River, ON, K0J 1P0

October 17, 2011

Ms. Tammy Stewart, Reeve
Township of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Rd.
Stonecliff, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Unity in Diversity Week is a Canada-wide celebration of our differences and sharing of our common values, interests and dreams for Canada and the world. We would like to invite you to take part in the **19th anniversary of the Unity in Diversity Week** in Deep River and neighbouring communities from November 6th to 12th, 2011.

The opening ceremony will take place in the Deep River Town Hall on Sunday, November 6th, 2:00 p.m. Other activities planned for the rest of the week include:

- Slide Show: Slides and Presentations from Ethiopia, Deep River Library, Meeting Room, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
- The popular traditional International Potluck Supper, Saturday, November 12th, 5:30 p.m., Chalk River Lions' Hall

You and all your family members are cordially invited to attend all the week's events. Two complimentary tickets for the International Potluck Supper will be reserved for you. Admission to all the other events of the week is free.

Sincerely yours,

Mahvash Khatamian
for the Unity in Diversity Committee.
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The Earth is but one country and humankind its citizens.

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September 26, 2011

Hon. Dwight Duncan
Minister of Finance
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7 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Hon. Carol Mitchell
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville Street
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

Dear Ministers Duncan and Mitchell:

Brant County Council approved the following resolution at their meeting held on September 20, 2011:

"Whereas Ontario Regulation 282/98 of the Municipal Tax Act classifies commercial grain elevators as an industrial use;

And whereas this classification has resulted in significant increases in property taxes for commercial grain elevator operators, resulting in higher costs to grain farmers and the loss of local businesses and jobs;

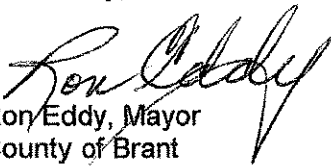
And whereas the 2002 Beaubien Report on Property Assessment and Classification Review recommended that grain elevators be removed from the industrial property class and included in the commercial class because they do not manufacture, produce or process anything;

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the County of Brant supports the requests from the Ontario Agri Business Association and the Grain Farmers of Ontario to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs that Ontario Regulation 282/98 (Section 6(2), Paragraph 4 of The Municipal Tax Act) be amended to reflect that "elevators used to receive, store, clean, treat or transfer feed for livestock or grain" are removed from the industrial property class and included in the commercial property class;

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and to all rural municipalities in the Province of Ontario for their support."

As the resolution states, this matter negatively affects commercial grain elevator operations and farmers through increased costs for drying their grain. We request your serious consideration of this request.

Yours truly,


Ron Eddy, Mayor
County of Brant

- cc Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Rural Municipalities in the Province of Ontario
- Dave Levac, M.P.P., Brant Riding
- Sandra Vos, President, Brant Federation of Agriculture
- Ontario Agri Business Association
- Grain Farmers of Ontario

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Townships of Head Clara & Maria

From: "Township of Greater Madawaska" <admin@greatermadawaska.com>
To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 5:00 PM
Subject: media release

MEDIA RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 26, 2011

Calabogie, (ON): The Municipal Council of the Township of Greater Madawaska announced today that the municipality has ended the relationship with Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Angela Yolkowskie.

Township of Greater Madawaska Mayor Peter Emon stated that the Council after discussion felt that a different direction was needed from the administration as the municipality moves in to the future. Mayor Emon thanked Ms. Yolkowskie for her service to the municipality and the community.

Mayor Emon stated, "we met with Ms. Yolkowskie and the decision was made to end the employment relationship effective Tuesday October 25 2011. Ms. Yolkowskie's position was terminated without cause. Our Council will begin an orderly and careful process of searching for a replacement in the near future. The municipality will be bringing in an experienced municipal manager as an interim solution while the search is conducted for a new CAO."

For more information, please call:

Mayor Peter Emon

Township of Greater Madawaska 613-752 2222

Renovation Plans? – Do Your Homework

Does your camp have more pans for catching rain than cooking? Or maybe the cabin houses more hunters than it has square footage?

If you are part of an LUP Rec Camp, it is important to understand what is allowed and what you might need to do before starting a renovation.

With a Land Use Permit (LUP) camp, before you make any changes to the buildings or the property, you need to contact MNR.

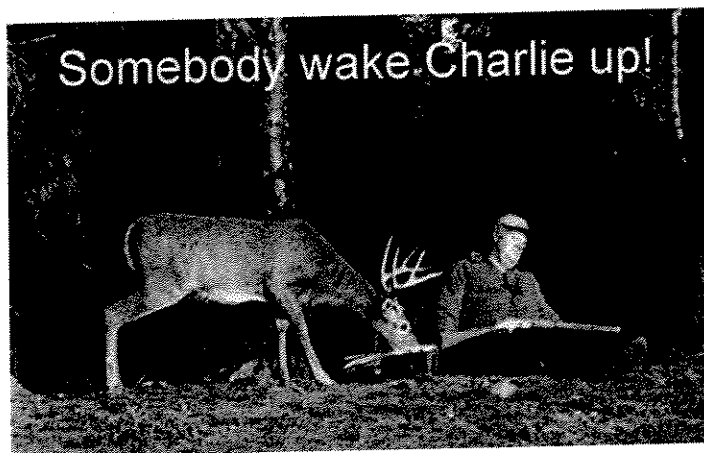
These changes could include new buildings, major additions, creating a parking lot, adding sheds...and the list goes on. An application for a renovation should include a letter explaining the proposed work with accompanying drawings and photos or diagrams.

You don't have to contact us if you're doing regular maintenance work on the buildings or property. But if you have any doubt give us a call.

Keep in mind that your permit is issued for a specific purpose...a Recreation Camp. So MNR is unlikely to approve additions or renovations that are inconsistent with that purpose.

When considering upgrades to the camp, it is also important to remember you don't own the land. You have a Land Use Permit for half of a hectare. That fact in itself may limit the extent of the financial investment you want to make.

And, invest some time in building consensus among your hunt camp members about any renovation plans so everyone knows who is going to do the work, and who is going to pay for it.



Once you have a plan in place, you need to contact the other authorities that may have requirements. This usually includes the local municipality for possible health requirements, building code standards, waste disposal and so on. Depending on your plans you may also need speak with the MNR's Fire Management Section about restrictions on burning wood or other construction material.

MNR will provide a formal approval for the project by letter. Once construction starts keep in mind that the site must be keep in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. All waste must be disposed of at an approved facility.

MNR has not issued new Land Use Permits for hunt camps in Renfrew County since the mid 1960s. So many of the existing camps are getting on in years.

Look around. Maybe the walls need some paint, or worse, maybe the roof won't make it through another winter. The most important question to ask is...Is this building safe.

If you find yourself seriously considering anything from an upgrade to a complete rebuild, give us a call. We would be happy to walk you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

Patrick Soulliere
Ministry of Natural Resources, Pembroke
613-732-5587

Have a Plan to Deal with your Trash

It is truly surprising how much trash you can produce when you bring eight or ten people into a camp for a week of hunting.

A small portion (paper and cardboard...the burnables) can make their way into the wood stove or fire pit. But for the rest of the trash you need to have a plan to deal with it.

In some cases, hunt camp owners do not make good choices when it comes to garbage disposal.

The Township of Head Clara Maria, which operates two municipal waste disposal sites, has problems with hunt camp garbage every year. It appears that hunters too often try to dump garbage at their sites while the disposal sites are closed. The problems include:

- driving around the locked gates to dump garbage
- leaving bags of garbage at the gate
- throwing garbage over the gate
- not separating recyclables

Other municipalities in Renfrew County have the same issues.

Please remember that it is illegal to:

- dump garbage at a disposal site without an attendant on-duty
- dump garbage on private land
- trespass on municipal property (enter a closed site)
- dump garbage on Crown land

It is also irresponsible and illegal to dispose of contaminants in a way that is harmful to the environment.

Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers actively pursue people who improperly dispose of garbage on Crown land. The maximum penalty for dumping garbage on Crown land is \$10,000 plus



Amazing but true. People actually do this.

\$1,000 per day for each day the offence continues. The OPP becomes involved when dumping occurs on private land.

Please make a plan to dispose of your hunt camp garbage properly, even if it means hauling it home.

Send Us Your Hunt Camp Stories

There is a long history of hunt camp use in Renfrew County. Many of the camps go back three generations or more. We enjoy celebrating that history in the Renfrew County Hunt Camp News.

If you have any old photos or stories, please let us know. Include the names of the people in the photos if you can.

Send photos and stories to the Renfrew County Hunt Camp News, Ministry of Natural Resources, 31 Riverside Drive, Pembroke, ON, K8A 8R6

Be sure to include your name and address on the back of any photos you send us, so we can return them. You can also send us stories and scanned images (150 - 300 dpi, jpeg) by e-mail to

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