

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2012 10:41 AM
Subject: NEXT COFFEE MORNING SET!
Good Morning all



Mark your calendars for Thursday March 15 2012 for the next coffee morning here at the hall.

GUEST SPEAKER NINA SHAH PHARMACIST

PILLS PILLS AND MORE PILLS - WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW!

Got a question about your medication, mixing prescriptions and vitamins, taking meds with food - how much food? Whatever it is you want to know send the questions to hcmlibra@xplornet.com
Then come out to the event and find out what's what.
Enjoy an informative session while viisting with friends and neighbors.

For those you know without email just ask them to drop their questions off to to the library during any weekday between 8:30 and 4.

Your hostessess will be Betty Condie and Marlene Gibson

See you all there!
Gayle

2/1/2012



Townships of Head Clara & Maria

From: <enablingchange@ontario.ca>
To: <twpshcm@XPLORNET.COM>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 1:50 PM
Subject: Launch of the 2012-13 Enabling Change Program
A French version of this message is included below.
La version française de ce message se trouve ci-dessous.

**Ministry of Community
and Social Services**

**Ministère des Services
sociaux et communautaires**



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Launch of the 2012–13 Enabling Change Program

We are pleased to launch the 2012–13 EnAbling Change Program. We are looking for non-profit organizations that want to be leaders in accessibility.

The EnAbling Change Program is an initiative of the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario (ADO) that provides financial support and expertise to organizations to educate an industry or sector across the province on its obligations under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

The program funds large-scale projects that have an impact across the province. Occasionally, the program funds projects that meet additional goals such as developing innovative approaches to increasing accessibility that directly or indirectly supports compliance with the AODA or awareness raising projects that focus on Ontario's children and youth.

We ask that you submit your project idea by completing the Expression of Interest provided on our website at:

English:

www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/accessibility/partnerships/EnablingChange/how

French:

www.mcass.gov.on.ca/fr/mcass/programs/accessibility/partnerships/EnablingChange/how

The deadline to submit your Expression of Interest is Friday, February 17, 2012.

About the Enabling Change Program

Eligibility

Applicants may partner with other organizations to deliver the project goals. Applicants must be incorporated non-profits that:

- represent an industry or sector and/or
- have the ability to reach and influence an industry or sector across the province

The Accessibility Directorate of Ontario (ADO) will only fund projects that meet specific criteria and deliver on set priorities. **This program DOES NOT provide funding for building renovations such as ramps lifts or elevators.**

Goals of the 2012–13 Program

1. The government is developing a variety of tools and resources to support compliance with the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR).

The government requires an applicant or applicants with the capacity to develop and outreach and communications strategy to educate, customize and distribute resources to one or more specific sectors:

- a. retail sector
- b. tourism and/or hospitality sector
- c. non-profit sector
- d. healthcare sector
- e. broader public sector (municipalities, schools, universities, colleges, hospitals)

For example, this could take the form of a province-wide series of in-person workshops, online webcasts or leveraging sector-specific publications.

2. The government has developed a variety of tools and resources to support compliance with the customer service standard. It requires an applicant or applicants with the capacity to develop an outreach & communications strategy to educate, customize and distribute resources to one or more of the following sectors:
 - a. retail sector
 - b. tourism and/or hospitality sector
 - c. non-profit sector
 - d. healthcare sector.
3. Incubator Project – development of creative products that address barriers to accessibility and directly or indirectly support compliance with the AODA accessibility standards.
4. Focus on children and youth –awareness raising projects that cultivate change among young people by increasing awareness of accessibility issues, barriers and accessibility legislation.

More Information and How to Apply

For complete details about the program and the application process, please visit our website at:

English:

<http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/accessibility/partnerships/EnablingChange/index.aspx>

French:

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Social Planning Network of Ontario

Information Day

The Potential and Prospects for A Social Planning and Development Council for Renfrew County

**Wednesday, February 8th, 2012
Germania Club, Pembroke**

A G E N D A

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| 8:30 AM | Opening: Welcome and Introductions
Overview of Purpose and Agenda for the Day
-- Local sponsor of event |
| 8:45 | Overview of Independent Community-based Social Planning
– Peter Clutterbuck, SPNO |
| 9:15 | Review of Pre-Event Questions:
<i>What do you hope to learn this afternoon?</i> |
| 9:30 | Discussion |
| 10:00 | Break |
| 10:15 | Social Planning On-the-Ground:
Development and Operation of the Social Planning Council of Sudbury
– Janet Gasparini, Executive Director |
| 10:45 | Questions and Discussion |
| 11:15 | Reflection on the Potential for Independent Community-based
Social Planning in Renfrew County
-- Facilitated Plenary Discussion |
| 11:30 | Moving Forward:
Steps for Further Development and Leadership |
| 11:45 | Summary and Evaluation of Information Day |
| 12:00 Noon | Conclusion |



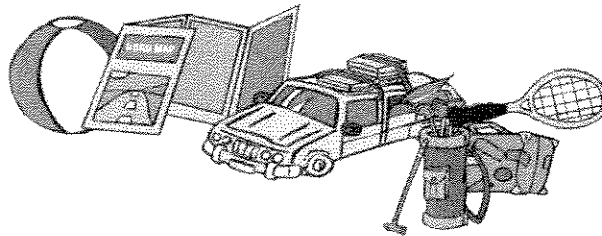
Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment

will be hosting a

Retirement Dinner & Dance

honouring

S/Sgt. Joe Girard, and
Cst. William "Bill" Bromilow



Saturday, February 18th, 2012

At the

Petawawa Lions Hall

1163 Victoria Street

Cocktails 5:00~6:00 P.M.

Dinner 6:00~7:00 P.M.

Presentations 7:00 P.M.

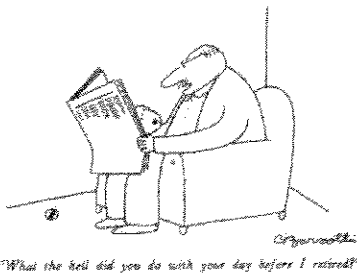
Dance to Follow

\$30.00 Per Person ~ Includes Gift

If you are unable to make it and would like to contribute towards a gift,
your name will be added to the card.

If you would like to take part in roasting the retirees or make a
presentation, please let us know so we can include you on the agenda

For tickets or information, please contact
Denise Green ~ Pearl Laviere ~ Sara Lapointe
UOV Detachment 613-735-0188 or Vnet 503-7200



"What the hell did you do with your day before I retired?"



*"My pension has been renegotiated, and
in lieu of a monthly check I'll receive a
crateful of seasonal fruit."*

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County Council Review

January 2012

Highlights

- Mr. Allen Wren, Chair of the Pembroke & Area Airport Commission, made a presentation to County Council on the current state of the Airport. Mr. Wren stressed the economic benefits of the Airport, and also introduced a new promotional video that highlights the importance of the Airport within the County of Renfrew.
- Mr. Kyle Dickson of Jp2g Consultants Inc., made a presentation to County Council on solar power and its impact and benefits within the County of Renfrew. He provided an overview of some current projects in the county and also explained how solar energy is becoming more common in the area.

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 www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca



Council Communiqué

Council Initiatives

- County Council passed a by-law approving a 3.3 per cent levy increase, or an additional \$1.1 million that will be collected from Renfrew County taxpayers in 2012, which means the county will be collecting \$35.3 million in taxes. For a residential property valued at \$100,000 in 2011, factoring in an average assessment increase of 6.1 per cent, taxpayers will pay \$389.92 on \$106,100 of assessment in 2012, an increase of \$6.03 on the county portion of their tax bill. This budget marks the earliest that County Council has passed its annual budget. Warden Sweet thanked staff and his fellow councillors for all their hard work over the last few months to complete the budget process.
- County Council passed a resolution that approved an electronic Capital Asset Management Plan to be developed for all significant assets owned by the County of Renfrew. The County of Renfrew's Green Operations Committee, which is comprised of staff from all departments in the corporation, will be responsible for managing this process.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Warden Sweet notified County Council that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus recently met and outlined its key priorities for 2012. The three major areas are Economic Development; Legislative/Regulatory Change and Fiscal issues. For more information on these and other priorities, please visit the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus website at: www.eowc.org



CONNECTIONS

February/March 2012



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Resource Selection & Review

What You Can Change...and What You Can't*

The Complete Guide to Successful Self-Improvement

Informative books that focus on self-improvement are overly abundant these days. Most of the information is exaggerated and/or inaccurate. As a result, when the desired results are not achieved, people trying to better themselves are left with feelings of failure and frustration.

In this book, Dr. Seligman provides us with examples of proven scientific studies that identify what works best when you are looking to make changes in areas such as alcoholism, anxiety, depression, anger and more.

*Learning to Accept Who You Are
(with a new preface)

Feature Article: New Year's Resolutions....."Make Death Wait!"

Well, we are four weeks into our "New Me", those grandiose New Year's resolutions that we will make grand sweeping changes to our lifestyle, our commitment to hitting the gym every day, purging our pantry of junk food, substituting fried foods for unprocessed whole grain foods, throwing out the salt shaker... etc... etc..

And how long did we remain true? Did we even get off the starting block? We have years and years of New Year's resolutions as evidence that these grand sweeping changes never stick. None of us are surprised to note that generally people make the **same** resolutions year after year... and often fall off the wagon by the end of the first month, if not the first week.

We are a generation that does not think *small*! Modest attainable goals yield small successes, which build confidence and lead to substantial and sustainable health. For all us 'couch potatoes', as we sat before the TV during the days leading up to and following the embarkment of 2012, we were inundated with commercials for gym specials and weight loss programs (Jenny Craig, Herbal Magic, Dr. Bernstein, Weight Watchers). While it did ignite a small spark of motivation to get off the couch and get on board (after all, according to the media, everyone else was), the most effective marketing ploy to halt all action, conversation and thought...were the video clips:

MAKE DEATH WAIT!.... I'M COMING FOR YOU!! (Heart and Stroke Foundation)

For those who haven't seen the video clip - tune into www.heartandstroke.on.ca and take 45 seconds to shock yourself into action, for **yourself** and for **those you love!** Statistics bare the reality that 1 out of 3 will die from heart or stroke. Do the math! ... Look to your right and to your left! Count your close family members. Nine in ten Canadians (90%) have at least one risk factor for heart disease or stroke (smoking, alcohol, physical inactivity, obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes). "Eight out of ten understand that heart and stroke is preventable or can be treated with lifestyle changes," yet we profess that our lives are too busy to target our own risk factors - too busy to make healthy food choices, too busy to hit the gym, or too busy to climb the stairs instead of using the elevator. But what is a busy lifestyle if it is a **shortened lifestyle!**

February is Heart and Stroke Awareness Month - there are countless resources just a click away. **FIRST:** if you have not had an annual physical, book one now with your family doctor or attend a health clinic to get a baseline of your risk factors (blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes) as well as approval for increased physical activity.

www.heartandstroke.on.ca (video clips; Healthy Weight Action Plan- sign-in, create plan & tracking; My Blood Pressure Action Plan; He@lthline Newsletter & Recipes)

www.healthcheck.org

www.strokebestpractices.ca



Valley Employee and Family Assistance Program

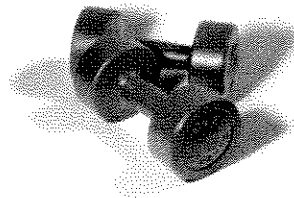
2012 ASPIRE...Not to Work HARDER BUT to Work SMARTER: On a personal level - Being Time Efficient, Energy Efficient & Cost Efficient

COST OF WORKING HARDER:

- = increased health risk resulting from increased stress, hypertension, lack of physical exercise
- = neglected family and interpersonal relationships
- = wasted time, lethargy, reduced productivity, diminished problem solving

GOAL OF WORKING SMARTER: Simplify your life on all levels!

1. Declutter your home, your workspace, and your mind!
 - Start and end each day with the thought of three things you are truly grateful for!
 - Make lists of tasks (at home & at work) and set manageable steps
 - Prioritize and check off as you get an item completed to show accomplishments
2. Delegate tasks to others when appropriate.
3. Saying "NO" to something is a "YES" to something else ('me-time', exercise etc.).
4. Live by the 80-20 rule! When you identify the 20% of work that yields 80% of the results, you focus on what is important (time, energy & cost efficiency).
5. Limit unhealthy mental habits like worrying; try to avoid becoming absorbed by repetitive mental habits (negative thoughts about self and the world that drain your energy and trigger immobilizing feelings of anxiety, fear and depression).
6. Live the NOW but keep the FUTURE in mind:
 - When choosing between exercise or a mediocre TV program, consider both as stress relievers, but one contributes to a plan for overall health



Valley Employee and Family Assistance Program

Important Dates

February 2012

2nd - Groundhog Day

14th - Valentines Day

20th - Family Day - Office Closed



March 2012

12th - 16th - March Break



Member Organizations

ACCESS Health Care Services Inc.

Bernadette McCann House for Women

Bonnechere Provincial Park

C.A. Reiche & Sons

Community Living Renfrew County South

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley

Deep River and District Hospital

Deslaurier Custom Cabinets

Eganville Country Depot

KI Pembroke LP

Marianhill Inc.

Ministry of Natural Resources

North Algona Wilberforce Township

North Renfrew Long Term Care

Paul Davis Systems of Renfrew County

Pembroke Co-operative Nursery School

Renfrew County Community Futures

Development Corporation

RCDSB-Educational Assistants

RCDSB-Elementary Teachers

RCDSB-Manager's Group

RCDSB-CUPE 1321 Office Support Staff

RCDSB-School Support Counsellors

Roy C. Reiche, Barrister & Solicitor

St. Francis Memorial Hospital

Sandvik Materials Technology

Spatial Planning Systems

Thomas H. Savage (Pembroke) Ltd.

Times Fiber Ltd.

Township of Head Clara Maria

Township of Laurentian Valley

Township of Laurentian Valley Fire Department

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January 23, 2012

Dear Head of Council:

We are writing to announce the release of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations for 2012.

We are pleased to confirm that we remain committed to the upload of municipal costs in accordance with the timetable agreed to through the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review.

In 2012, we will continue the phased upload of Ontario Works (OW) benefit costs and begin to phase in the upload of court security and prisoner transportation costs. This builds on our previous uploads of Ontario Drug Benefits (ODB) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). In addition, we have also uploaded over \$170 million in support of municipal OW administration costs. These uploads have ensured that more property tax dollars are available for important municipal priorities, including investments in infrastructure and economic development.

In 2012, we will provide over \$1.8 billion to municipalities through the combined benefit of OMPF and provincial uploads. The OMPF will total \$583 million in 2012. Combined with the \$1.2 billion in provincial uploads, this is almost three times the level of funding provided under the previous program.

In addition, we will also provide \$15 million in transitional assistance to municipalities to ensure a guaranteed level of support for 2012.

The Ministry of Finance's (MOF) Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal Treasurers and Clerk-Treasurers with further details on the 2012 OMPF, including the provision of transitional assistance. This information and other supporting materials will be posted in both English and French on the MOF website:

<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2012/>
<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/fr/budget/ompf/2012/>

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**Ministry of Citizenship
and Immigration**

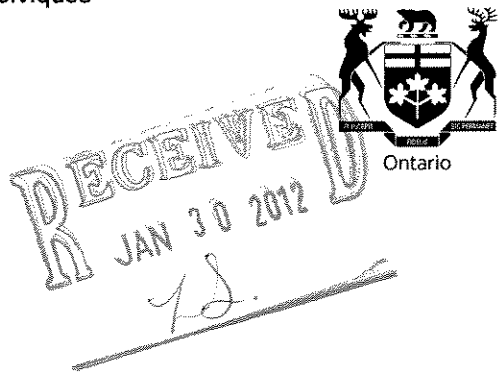
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January 2012

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that nominations for the **Newcomer Champion Awards** are now being accepted. The Newcomer Champion Awards recognize individuals and groups who have made a difference in their community and province through active citizenship and engagement.

Newcomers are not the only ones eligible for this award. Award recipients are champions of voluntarism, supporters of newcomers, and advocates of greater social and civic inclusion.

Nominations may be made in the following 3 categories:

1. ChangeTheWorld Youth Ambassador – recognizes outstanding youth volunteers who have participated in the ChangeTheWorld Ontario Youth Challenge.
2. Community Leader – recognizes individuals who have demonstrated active involvement and commitment to their communities and/or province.
3. Newcomer Champion – recognizes groups which have contributed to the celebration of Ontario's diversity and which have helped settle and connect newcomers in their communities.

Nomination forms and more information are available on my ministry's website at www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards, or by phone at 416 314-7526, toll free 1 877 832-8622, or TTY 416 327-2391. **The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2012.**

Ontario is dedicated to building a province where cultural diversity is celebrated, newcomers are valued and people work together to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Please consider recognizing an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to our great province.

Sincerely,

Hon. Charles Sousa
Minister



ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO ROAD SUPERVISORS

PROMOTING **KNOWLEDGE**. PURSUING **EXCELLENCE**.

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January 16, 2012

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Re: AORS 2012 Training and Professional Development Program

Dear Mayor/Reeve and Council Members:

Please find enclosed the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) 2012 Training and Professional Development Program booklet. For your information, we have over 60 seminars and training programs in the following categories:

- ✓ Equipment Operator Safety & Skills Series
- ✓ Winter Operations Series
- ✓ Operator Supervisor Safety Series
- ✓ Legislation & Safety Series
- ✓ Leadership for Public Works Professionals
- ✓ Driver Safety Series
- ✓ Road Maintenance Schools

AORS is designated by the Province of Ontario as a professional 'regulatory authority' and has partnered with the best available education/training teams to develop and implement these programs. Many of our 2012 programs offer continuing education credits (CEU's). Our goal is to provide close-to-home, relevant, cost-effective and timely training and public works professional development exclusively to our Provincial municipal public works associates.

Please encourage your employees to apply for Certified Road Supervisor (CRS) accreditation or reclassification and to join their AORS Local Association. Over 1250 public works professionals have received their CRS designation.

Certification is important for your municipality because it increases corporate 'professionalism', accountability and morale. Certified Road Supervisors use their broad base of knowledge to make confident decisions and therefore serve Council, staff and their community more effectively.

Thank you again for supporting AORS and for helping us to meet our objectives.

Yours truly,

Bryan Clarke CRS-S
Executive Director
Encls.

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Townships of Head Clara & Maria

From: "Barbara and Michael Stephens" <bmsteph@magma.ca>
To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 11:11 AM
Attach: Letter to Head, Clara and Maria (final).docx; Petition sheet - CP Rail Pembroke-Mattawa Line.docx
Subject: Request for municipal resolution and letter of support for Pembroke-Mattawa railway
Attention: Melinda Reith

Dear Ms Reith – Further to my telephone call this morning, attached is my letter asking the Council of Head, Clara and Maria Council to consider and pass a resolution and issue a letter of support towards restoration of the CP Pembroke-Mattawa rail line to operation. I've included the scanned version of the letter with my signature, then the WORD version with active hyperlinks and all but the last of its attachments. The second attachment to this email is the last attachment to the letter (i.e., a blank copy of the petition mentioned in the letter).

I have tried to provide a complete story in the letter and its attachments, but if any further information is required, I would be happy to provide whatever I can.

Michael Stephens

48 Highland Crescent, PO Box 1231
Deep River, Ontario K0J 1P0
January 26, 2012

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
Attention: Melinda Reith, Clerk
15 Township Hall Rd
Stoneycliffe, Ontario
K0J 2K0

Dear Ms Reith:

Re: Request for Council Resolution and Letter of Support for the Pembroke-Mattawa Railway

This letter is to follow up our recent conversations about efforts to restore the Pembroke-Mattawa railway to operation. As a concerned resident of Deep River and Renfrew County I request that the Head, Clara and Maria Council consider and adopt the attached model municipal resolution and letter of support, reworded and reformatted as appropriate. I am sending the model resolution and letter of support to other municipalities in the Upper Ottawa Valley to seek their endorsement as well.

The resolution recognizes the importance of the railway to the current and future economy of the Upper Ottawa Valley, and gives support in principle to keeping it as an operating railway. (The second bullet in the model resolution may not be appropriate to Head, Clara and Maria.) The not-for-profit Transport Pontiac-Renfrew (TPR) is aware of my initiative and supports the process I have undertaken as an interested and concerned private citizen. As TPR is an official body interested in retaining rail service in the immediate area, I have requested they receive your letter of support (draft skeleton version attached). At their request, the letter can be forwarded directly to the Co-Chair of TPR as indicated.

Retaining the railway line from Pembroke to Mattawa will assist in the rejuvenation of business and industry along the corridor by providing shipping options. A retained railway corridor will also benefit future commuter, passenger and tourism initiatives, and maintain shorter east-west connection times across Canada rather than funnelling all railway traffic through the Toronto area. To provide background information I have attached my recent letter in the North Renfrew Times giving reasons for saving the Pembroke-Mattawa line. Over 1000 people up and down the Valley have now signed the petition mentioned in the letter (a copy of the petition is attached, and can be viewed online at www.rotarynr.ca). TVCOGECO Pembroke asked me for an interview, which is now viewable online at: <http://www.tvcogeco.com/pembroke/gallery/tvcogeco-news/3674-tvcnews/48541-save-the-rail>.

I would be happy to provide what additional information I can, if required. I can be contacted by email at bmsteph@magma.ca, or by telephone at (613) 584-9210.

Yours sincerely,


Michael Stephens

Model Municipal Letter of Support

(Letterhead of Municipality)

Address

Date

To: Terry Gibeau, Co-chair
Transport Pontiac-Renfrew
62 Craig St.
Arnprior, Ontario
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Subject: Transport Pontiac-Renfrew application for funding to complete a business plan

Availability of adequate transportation in the Ottawa Valley is fundamental to increasing economic activity and creating jobs in the region. The network of roads, highways and railways provides local businesses with access to suppliers and markets both near and far. Railways are important components of this network, especially for heavier goods and long-distance shipments.

The Chalk River Subdivision of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP), latterly known as the Ottawa Valley Railway, is under a notice of abandonment by CP and rails have been removed east of Pembroke. The western section of the line, from Mattawa to Pembroke, is still intact and connects westbound in Mattawa with Rail America and eastbound in Pembroke with the Canadian National Beachburg Subdivision to Ottawa, allowing shipments towards Montreal and the East Coast.

Transport Pontiac-Renfrew is an interested observer in these initiatives and is keenly aware of the potential for removal by CP of the line from Pembroke to Mattawa. (Municipality) supports and endorses activities generated by TPR which will result in retained railway connectivity and service from Mattawa, east.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Mayor, [insert name of municipality]

Model Municipal Resolution

Resolution #12-XX

Moved by: Councillor A

Seconded by: Councillor B

Be it resolved that the Council of [name of municipality]:

- 1) considers retention of the CP Rail line from Pembroke to Mattawa as an operating railway to be vital to the current economy of the entire Upper Ottawa Valley and to its future development;
- 2) considers the availability of the line to be vitally important to this municipality for in and out-bound freight shipping;
- 3) fully supports saving this line as an operating railway.

Letter to the Editor (North Renfrew Times, November 16, p.7)

Good reasons to save the railway

Further to my letters in the last two issues of the NRT, well over 200 people have now signed the hardcopy version of the petition to save the Pembroke-Mattawa railway. Over 100 have signed the on-line version. Several volunteers are explaining the petition and collecting signatures up and down the Valley.

I've been asked why saving this section of railway matters, especially as recently some track southeast of Pembroke was removed from the Canadian Pacific (CP) line that goes down to Smiths Falls.

Even with that track gone, a complete rail line between Ottawa and Sudbury is still in place through the full length of the Ottawa Valley.

The CP tracks are still intact from south of Pembroke all the way to Mattawa.

Another existing line, the Canadian National (CN) line (called "the Beachburg Sub") runs from Pembroke southeast to Ottawa through Renfrew and Pontiac Counties.

The Pembroke-Mattawa section of CP track connects to the CN line at Pembroke, and it also connects at Mattawa to a railway going west to North Bay and Sudbury.

This is the last existing rail line that goes all the way through the Valley. It is the shortest rail route between eastern and western Canada.

With the CP line through the Valley now not in operation, eastbound trains must turn south at Sudbury to go to Toronto and then east and back north to the vicinity of Ottawa (and vice-versa for westbound trains).

That takes nearly a full extra day and creates corresponding extra costs.

There are other excellent reasons for saving this line: to support existing businesses and future economic development in the Upper Ottawa Valley, to improve safety on the two-lane Highway 17 section of the Trans-Canada Highway by reducing the number of transport trucks now using it, to supply Canadian Forces Base Petawawa and support its deployments efficiently, to provide a commuter service to Ottawa, to support the development of a passenger rail network in eastern Ontario, to make Canada's rail network more flexible and resilient, and in the long term to

provide a more efficient, sustainable, all-weather transportation option than highways as fuel costs continue to rise.

An article about the petition appeared in Tuesday's Pembroke Daily Observer (and was repeated in Thursday's free advertising flier, *The News*, which is delivered to all households).

As well, an item on the topic is airing several nights this week on TVCogeco Pembroke in the Valley news broadcast at 7 and 9 pm.

You can read the petition and sign it online at rotarynr.ca.

If you would like to support this initiative further, you can download and print copies of the petition and ask your friends and neighbours to read and sign it.

Please send completed copies to me at the address indicated at the bottom of the petition.

Several establishments in Deep River have kindly agreed to host copies of the petition for their customers to sign. These include the office of the North Renfrew Times, Digital Copy Xpress, Fleury's Valu-Mart, Giant Tiger, and Monica's Pantry.

When collection of signatures on the petition finishes on November 30, the entire set will be presented to our MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski and other involved public officials.

If you have any questions about this effort or would like to help, please call me at (613) 584-9210 or send an email to me at bmsteph@magma.ca.

ME Stephens

Townships of Head Clara & Maria

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Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 4:37 PM
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Subject: Ontario Defibrillator Access Initiative (ODAI)



January 25, 2012

Dear Reeve Stewart,

On June 3, 2011, Premier Dalton McGuinty announced the Government of Ontario's commitment to saving lives with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and announced that \$10 million will be provided to place the life-saving devices in publicly-funded community sport and recreation facilities and schools with high recreation and sport use across Ontario. A portion of the funding will also be set aside to develop Ontario's first AED registry. This registry will track all of the public access units placed and will link directly into the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system.

As a result, the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario is leading this initiative, called the **Ontario Defibrillator Access Initiative (ODAI)**, and is set to open the largest application process for AED grant funding in Ontario's history. The aim of the ODAI is to distribute a minimum of 2,500 defibrillators and train a minimum of 25,000 people across Ontario, which will significantly add to the current inventory of public-access defibrillators currently in Ontario. This will have a significant impact on cardiac health of all Ontarians.

There are no fees associated with this initiative and an AED will come as part of a complete package. In addition, the package includes the following materials and services for every AED that is placed:

- One set of Adult electrode pads and one replacement set;
- One set of Pediatric (infant/child) electrode pads;
- One installed battery and a backup battery,
- One display cabinet and signage;
- Free CPR-AED certification for at least 10 individuals per device (e.g. employees, frequent facility users);
- One *Family & Friends™ CPR Anytime™ Kit* to continue training on CPR-AED; and
- Listing of the AED on the provincial registry.

In addition, each participant receives preferred pricing on any related AED equipment (e.g. AEDs, pads, batteries); and access to preferred pricing on any additional AED-CPR certifications purchased during the length of the Initiative.

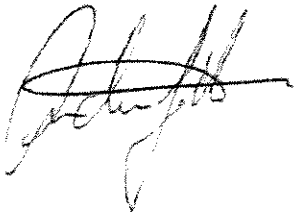
As AEDs continue to become available in a variety of public settings, they are quickly becoming the 'standard of care' for owners and operators of public spaces. The Good Samaritan Act (2001) protects people who voluntarily offer CPR or first aid assistance in an emergency. Additionally, the Chase McEachern Act (Heart Defibrillator Civil Liability Act, 2006) protects users of AEDs from liability for damages that may occur and protects the owners and occupiers of the buildings where AEDs are

installed from liability for damages. If you have any questions about this area, we encourage you to seek legal advice.

An online application portal is now open, and will close by **Friday, February 24, 2012, at noon (12:00 PM)**. It can be accessed at the following address: <http://aedprogram.heartandstroke.ca>

A background document that includes a helpful Q&A and further information on the importance of AEDs can be found here: <http://bit.ly/wBh85q>. I hope you will consider this as an exciting opportunity to make these public facilities and schools safer and more responsive to the emergency needs of your community. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact us at: 1-888-284-4188

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Lotto', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Andrew Lotto
Manager, Resuscitation
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario

CC: Melinda Reith
Melinda Reith

Enclosure: <http://bit.ly/xBF9f5>

RENFREW COUNTY FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

January 24, 2012

Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture
c/o Donna Campbell
1654 Queensline Road
R. R. # 1
Foresters Falls, Ontario
K0J 1V0

Township of Admaston/Bromley
Stone Road
R. R. # 2
Renfrew, Ontario
K7V 3Z5

Dear Mayor Briscoe and Council:

At our monthly meeting last night, our board of directors reviewed the resolution from the municipality of Tweed on the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

We feel that the municipalities should continue providing the compensation for predator damage to livestock as they have been doing for the past 30 some years. In leaving it with the municipality a farmer's loss of livestock is dealt with quickly and efficiently.

We were pleased that the OFA recommendation to reimburse municipalities (up to \$30) for their administration costs was added to the new Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

Yours truly,

Robert A. Johnston
President, Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 24, 2012



Calabogie, Ontario - The Township of Greater Madawaska today celebrated completion of its search for a new CAO, accomplished three months after its initiation. The search committee has chosen Mr. Mark Urbanski as the successful candidate. Mr. Urbanski will begin his employment as CAO today with his appointment by Council Bylaw. It was very encouraging to see the quality and experiences of the individuals who expressed interest in joining our Municipality during the search.

Mayor Peter Emon noted that Mr. Urbanski has the personal and professional qualities the Community is seeking. "Council, staff and the community wanted an experienced Chief Administration Officer, with a strong background in Municipal Management, Economic Development and Planning, who was looking forward to the challenge of guiding our dynamic Community growth and development over the next decade. Mr. Urbanski's previous work experiences, his enjoyment working in rural communities, along with his knowledge of our strengths and our areas of future improvements attracted us to him." All members of Council are confident in the selection of Mr. Urbanski.

The Township of Greater Madawaska is the largest municipality in Renfrew County. It's charms and challenges are many. Long known for outdoor and active recreation, Greater Madawaska is also home to a number of quality vacation options for local and international visitors. The Municipality is expecting continued strong growth which will result in new and essential initiatives to lead and shape the growth.

"Mark's past work in developing the infrastructure, both physical and structural, in other rural communities as they grew were further attractors for us. He has also been heavily involved in Community Economic Development and other areas of building communities, areas where Council foresees a major emphasis moving forward", said Mayor Peter Emon.

Mr. Urbanski presently resides in Huntsville with his wife and young family and he is expecting to move to the area. Mark is an experienced professional with over fifteen years of progressive municipal management experience in Brant County, Magnetawan, North Perth, La Riviere Des Francais, and Onaping Falls. He holds a CMO designation from the Association of Municipal Clerk Treasurers of Ontario, and was educated at Laurentian University and the University of Western Ontario.

"When you have a chance, please take the time to welcome Mark, his wife and young family to the area and our beautiful Community," said Mayor Emon.

The Search Committee consisted of Mayor Peter Emon, Councilor Brian Hunt, Councilor Bruno Kierczak, and Interim CAO Steve Fournier. The Committee was assisted in the process by the County of Renfrew's Director of Human Resources Bruce Beakley. For more information please call: Mayor Peter Emon, Township of Greater Madawaska - 613 752 2222.

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Deep River Hospital CEO to Retire By Summer

At the January Board meeting, Deep River and District Hospital CEO Larry Schruder announced his plans to retire from his position by the end of June 2012 to pursue other part-time self-employment activities. "There comes a time in every person's work life where the appeal of having more time available for non-work things equals or exceeds the need or the desire to do even the most exciting of jobs" said Larry Schruder. "During these past 3 years, I have been blessed with the most exciting and fulfilling role of my working career – and have worked with some of the very best people in the health care field. My decision to retire from this role comes with very mixed emotions. I expect to have a very busy 6 months ahead of me prior to my retirement date."

Board Chair Paul Fehrenbach expressed disappointment and regret on the part of the board, noting that "Larry Schruder has made a tremendously positive impact on both the operation and reputation of Deep River and District Hospital. Staff morale and confidence has improved such that our hospital is now developing a well-earned reputation for quality of care and patient satisfaction. Larry has also been very active in positive interactions with the communities we serve. We shall certainly miss his drive, enthusiasm and management expertise."

Beginning April 1, Larry will start the transition process from the CEO role by operating in a part time capacity with DRDH as he engages in his new activities elsewhere. In the meantime the Board has formed a CEO Search Committee which will engage an external consultant and begin the process immediately of identifying a replacement CEO.

preliminary program

bridging the gap

register online @ www.ogra.org

- The 2012 conference begins with a debate on the Future of Ontario Municipalities. An all-star roster of debaters will argue the resolution **"Be it resolved Ontario municipalities require radical legislative and tax reform"**.
- The lack of ties between our institutions of higher learning and the municipal sector - an issue that The Globe and Mail deemed one of the fundamental challenges confronting Canadian communities - will be analyzed in detail by an experienced panel.
- Attention will be focused on the importance of political civility. Mark Kingwell, one of Canada's most prominent public intellectuals, will give a keynote address stressing the need for, and the importance of, civility in our politics.

The 2012 Conference will mark the first time that municipalities will get to hear the direction and intentions of the newly elected provincial government. In addition, attendees can once again make delegations to Ontario ministries. All that and six information rooms, seventeen workshops, question box, the ministers' forum and the trade show!

speakers (invited)

- The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ontario's Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
- The Honourable Ted McMeekin, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Tim Hudak, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario
- Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario

Information Rooms

- AODA
- The LAS Solar PV Program
- Strategic IT Purchasing
- One Year into a New Term of Council
- OGRA Member Services

question box

Chaired by Fred Dean, Municipal Solicitor, a panel of experts will answer your most pressing concerns and discuss emerging issues that will impact your municipality.

workshops

- Keys to Successful Municipal AFP/P3 Projects
- Marketing of Local Food
- Waste Management
- Citizen Engagement BIAs and Municipalities
- Municipal Asset Management
- Active Transportation
- Interministry Community Economic Development
- Climate Change and Infrastructure
- Municipalities and First Nations Land Claims
- Municipal Emergency Management
- Promoting the Social Attraction of Rural Communities
- Surety Bonds
- Source Water Protection

ministers' forum

This is one of the most anticipated sessions each year. Once again, a wide range of provincial Ministers will be present to answer delegates' questions.

**conference program is subject to change*

The OGRA office is moving mid December. Please refer to www.ogra.org for new contact information.

2012 ROMA/OGRA combined conference bridging the gap

housing OPENS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th @ 10:00 AM

- Delegates will contact the hotels directly to book a room.
- All hotels will be booking rooms online and by telephone (number of rooms available to book by telephone is limited).
- A credit card will be required to book a room or suite. Deposit cheques are not accepted.
- Suites must be booked using the official suite form.
- Please note the room blocks are not available until conference housing officially opens.
- **NOTE:** Cancellation Policy remains unchanged.
- Cancellation fee is equal to one night's accommodation plus applicable taxes.
- Fairmont Royal York Hotel cancellation fee will be charged on each room or suite cancelled subsequent to the initial booking. Substitutions are permitted.
- Overflow hotels cancellation fees will be charged on each room cancelled less than 72 hours before expected date of arrival.

Rooms are blocked at the following hotels:

- Fairmont Royal York Hotel (main conference hotel)
- Intercontinental Toronto Centre
- Sheraton Centre Toronto and
- The Strathcona Hotel

For contact information, online links, schedule of hotel rates and additional accommodation instructions visit us online: www.ogra.org or www.roma.on.ca

banquet entertainment

- Most familiar to thousands of Canadians as the host of CBC's weekly radio and television comedy hit "The Debaters", Steve Patterson's golden gift for comedy is un-debatable.
- A professional headliner since 1997, he has taped numerous national television specials in the past decade including three Just For Laughs galas, the most recent of which in 2010 caused host Steve Martin afterwards to exclaim "if I'd have known he was going to be THAT good, I would have cancelled him." In 2011, Patterson enjoyed the most successful year of his comedy career, hosting the Just For Laughs comedy tour in theatres

nationwide, being nominated for a Gemini award and winning the Canadian Comedy Award as the country's best male stand-up comedian. Award-winning, well-respected, well-read and painstakingly persistent in creating new material, Steve Patterson gives his very best to each audience he performs for, in the hopes of creating the very best live comedy experience every time.



long service awards Ontario Good Roads Association is always proud to recognize employees who have given long years of service in the cause of good roads. For eligibility requirements and form, please visit OGRA's website. Deadline for receipt of nominations is **Friday, February 3, 2012**. Awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 during the ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference. For information, please contact Carmen Sousa: carmen@ogra.org or 905-795-2555.



John Curley
President, OGRA



Bill Vrebasch
Chair, ROMA

OGRA President John Curley and ROMA Chair Bill Vrebasch look forward to meeting you at the 2012 ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference.

2012 ROMA/OGRA COMBINED CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
February 26- 29, 2012 – Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, ON

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type or print clearly and send with payment to ROMA/OGRA COMBINED CONFERENCE, Unit 22, 1525 Cornwall Rd., Oakville, ON L6J 0B2

MUNICIPALITY/ORGANIZATION: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 TEL: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME OF DELEGATE(S) (to appear on badge/no initials)	TITLE	REGISTRATION TYPE (A B C or D)	COMPANION'S NAME (if registered)	NUMBER OF TICKETS PURCHASED (Tickets are not included in registration fee)	
				Banquet	Awards Luncheon

REGISTRATION TYPE (does not include function tickets)	ROMA/OGRA Members			Provincial/Federal Governments			Non-Members			FEES (enclosed)
	Early Bird Before Feb 3 rd	Regular After Feb 3 rd	Regular After Feb 3 rd	Early Bird Before Feb 3 rd	Regular After Feb 3 rd	Regular After Feb 3 rd	Early Bird Before Feb 3 rd	Regular After Feb 3 rd		
A 3 Day Registration	\$510	\$560	\$610	\$635	\$685	\$685	@	=	@	
B One Day - Monday	\$280	\$310	\$340	\$350	\$380	\$380	@	=	@	
C One Day - Tuesday	\$280	\$310	\$340	\$350	\$380	\$380	@	=	@	
D Half Day - Wednesday	\$140	\$160	\$175	\$175	\$195	\$195	@	=	@	
Companion Registration	\$150	\$150	\$165	\$165	\$185	\$185	@	=	@	
Luncheon Tickets	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	@	=	@	
Banquet Tickets	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	@	=	@	

PAYMENT
 Registration forms cannot be processed unless accompanied with payment. Only payments made by VISA or MASTERCARD can be faxed to 289-291-6477. **ON-LINE Registration also available at www.ogra.org**

CARD #
 Name on Card: _____
 Expiry Date: _____
 Signature: _____

CHEQUE (Payable to ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference)

REGISTRATION INQUIRIES
 Carmen Sousa, 289-291-6472 e-mail: carmen@ogra.org

REFUND POLICY
 Full refunds, less an administration fee of \$50.00 plus HST, of pre-registration fees will be issued if notice of cancellation is received by Friday, February 3. **NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 3.**
ALL REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING.

PLEASE NOTE
 OGRA has moved to a new location.

REGISTRATION FEES
 NOTES: Members fees refer to OGRA and/or ROMA membership ■ Rates do not include function tickets
 Special dietary requirements, including food allergies, should be forwarded in writing to Catherine Wallace at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel by fax: 416-568-8148 or email: catherine.wallace@fairmont.com

For on-site registration fees, additional surcharge over regular rate as follows:
 Type A add \$50, Type B and Type C add \$30 and Type D add \$20

Subtotal = _____
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GRAND TOTAL = _____

PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 22, 2012



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 16, 2012

Dear Heads of Council, Members of Council and Staff,

Re: 2012 OSUM Conference & Trade Show

On behalf of the 2012 OSUM Organizing Committee and the Town of Huntsville, I am pleased to invite you to attend the 59th Annual Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference taking place throughout May 2-4, 2012 at the world-renowned Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville.

This year's Conference entitled "*The Municipal Leaders Summit*" is a well-appointed theme as Conference attendees will enjoy the hospitality and amenities that the World Leaders did for the G8 Summit which was held at Deerhurst Resort in June of 2010.

We are thrilled to announce this year's keynote speaker Steve Paikin, who is the host of TVO's current affairs program "The Agenda". Steve Paikin is sure to deliver a thought provoking address to this year's attendees. OSUM 2012 promises to be an informative and enjoyable experience for all who attend.

In addition to the outstanding hospitality you will experience throughout your time at Deerhurst Resort, the Conference schedule will also include offsite events which will take place in some of our Municipality's exceptional community facilities.

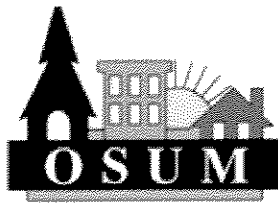
Also included in this package are the Delegate Registration Form, links to information and additional accommodators throughout Huntsville. For Trade Show inquiries, please contact Ted Blowes, Trade Show Coordinator at (519) 393-5877 or by e-mail ted.b@quadro.net. The Conference and Trade Show is being organized for the Town of Huntsville by the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce. Kate Austin is the OSUM Conference Coordinator for the 2012 Conference. For additional conference or community related questions, please feel free to contact Kate at (705) 789-4771, Extension 33 or kate@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca

We look forward to this opportunity to welcome you to Huntsville to experience the historic charm and the Muskoka hospitality that makes our community so well known.

Sincerely,

Claude Doughty, Mayor
Town of Huntsville





59th ANNUAL OSUM CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW
“Municipal Leaders Summit” May 2 - 4, 2012
Delegate Registration Form

Delegate Name: _____ Municipality: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Companion Name: _____

Companion package pricing includes Wednesday night reception, Thursday breakfast and Friday breakfast & lunch as well as conference-based activities and outings. Companions will be on their own for Thursday lunch. Cost is \$165.00/companion.

DELEGATE PACKAGE:

Delegate fee \$495.00 plus HST = \$559.35. The conference host is Deerhurst Resort. To book your accommodations please call 1 (800) 461-4393 or visit www.deerhurstresort.com. (Please note OSUM when booking to obtain the conference rate). Accommodation prices start at \$129.00 so book early!

Each Delegate will receive a registration kit, access to all workshops & Welcome Reception (complimentary beverage ticket included), two breakfasts, two lunches, daily refreshments and entertainment evening including beverages and light fare.

For other accommodation options please visit www.huntsvilleadventures.com and click on “Where to Stay”

