

Friday November 16, 2012 - Report to Council

Unity in Diversity Week – Sunday November 4, 2012

I had the distinct honour of representing Head, Clara and Maria Townships on Sunday November 4th at the Unity in Diversity Week Opening Ceremony in the Deep River Town Hall.

This is the 20th year of Unity in Diversity Week in Deep River and neighbouring communities. It is a celebration of our differences and the sharing of common values, interests and dreams for Canada and the World.

There were presentations of music, dance, poetry and song by local adults and children that highlighted the many cultures represented in our community. I especially enjoyed the delightful presentation of traditional Chinese drumming by a troupe of eager young boys.

I was warmly welcomed by the organizers and I promised to bring their message of peace and unity back to share in Head, Clara and Maria. I would encourage my fellow councillors and residents to make a point of attending the Unity in Diversity Week activities in the future. Thank you to Cathy Balla-Boudreau for this invitation.

Tri-Council Meeting – November 5, 2012

Reeve Stewart, Councillor Gibson and I were in attendance for this meeting in Point Alexander. It was called for the area councils to meet Mr. Gary Sims the new CEO of Deep River Hospital, but unfortunately he was unable to make it. In his place, the Executive Director of the North Renfrew Family Health Team, Jennifer Kennedy presented the status of the health team and a vision for future expansion. Ms. Kennedy informed the councils that the Health Team now has 2 part-time doctors with the return of Dr. Ben Amor. The Health Team is again taking new patients from our catchment area. If any residents require a doctor more information is available in the Township office.

We can also expect more news from the NRFHT with an official announcement early in January 2013.

Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 11, 2012

This is a note of thanks to all members of the community (and beyond) who attended our Remembrance Day ceremony last Sunday. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. I would also like to thank Councillor Gibson for his delicious soup, to the CWL and other residents for their donations of sandwiches and desserts and to CAO Reith and her ever generous family for their kitchen skills. Many hands made it a meaningful day of community and remembrance.

It is my hope that a Remembrance Day Ceremony at our Veterans Memorial will become an annual event in Head, Clara and Maria Townships.

Councillor Debbi Grills