

## Mayor's report to Council, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Good afternoon Council and Staff

Since my last report on June 10<sup>th</sup> this year I have attended on your behalf County Council meetings on June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

I have attended meetings of Renfrew County Housing Corporation and Social Services committee on June 16<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> and the Renfrew County Housing Corporation AGM on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended meetings of the Development and Property committee.

On August 17<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting of the Renfrew County policing committee in Cobden. This meeting was sponsored by the Renfrew County Health Unit and was held to garner support for a grant to obtain funding for a blitz to reinforce the dangers of using mobile phones while driving.

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, I attended a meeting of the RMFEO held in Tay Valley Township.

I have done some homework on MPAC assessments especially concerning vacant property. Three people so far have filed requests for reconsideration (RfR) and two of them have been given reductions. Most of this stemmed from the vacant lots being doubled in assessment and while the dollar value is very low it was the principle of the increases that caused most concerns.

One of the bigger news items from County is that the rail line has been officially named the "Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail" This was the result of much deliberation amongst the three owners and was the best compromise available.

County has created a "Melisa Bishop" award to be presented to a deserving individual on an ad hoc basis. The criteria for winning the award are very high. Candidates may be nominated by any sitting elected official of Renfrew County. It is anticipated that winning this award will be a rare occurrence.

This concludes my report. I will be pleased to answer any questions.

Thank you