

Mayor's Report – Thursday October 17th, 2019

Welcome to all in the public gallery.

Since our last Council meeting, I represented Head, Clara and Maria Townships, on September 25th at the monthly County of Renfrew Council meeting.

The County Council received correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Rural Network (EORN) directed to the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus and its member municipalities. The provincial and federal governments have announced their commitment to fund the EORN mobile/cell gap project and EORN is presently negotiating the contribution agreement with the province. For additional information, I have included the correspondence with my report.

On October 7th, I attended the HCM Recreation Advisory Committee chaired by Councillor Dowser. Some of the upcoming events include the children's Halloween Party on Sunday October 27th at 1:00 p.m. and the Wild Game Dinner, but only if enough game is donated by November 1st. The RAC is also looking for interested volunteer committee members to assist with the planning and organization of Canada Day 2020 events. The RAC is also hoping to create a list of talented volunteers who would make themselves available to assist at other community events as well.

At yesterday's meeting of the County of Renfrew Health committee a delegation from Branch 72 of the Royal Canadian Legion presented a cheque for \$4700 to the County of Renfrew Public Access Defibrillator Program. Throughout the County defibrillators have been accessed 5 times with 5 survivors!

The Social Services committee received confirmation that the Ontario Works program delivery funding allocation for 2020 will be based on the 2018 actuals. All previous program changes announced by the province would not be proceeding, and the programs would continue in their current form. Child Care funding changes will now be phased over a 3 year period starting January 2020.

Please remember to vote in the upcoming Federal Election on Monday October 21st here at the Township Municipal community centre from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Debbi Grills