

Council Agenda Item 10(b) – Consent Agenda

For the Regular Meeting of Council March 20, 2025

If you wish to separate an Item from the Consent Agenda, please contact the Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting so a resolution can be prepared for any item requiring debate.

1. Resident Honoured with King Charles III Coronation Medal
2. Autism Ontario World Autism Day Proclamation 2025
3. Inspection of 2025 – 2026 Annual Work Schedule - Algonquin Park Forest
4. Apply for the Renfrew County Community Development Fund
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NEWS RELEASE

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FOUR SEASONS LODGE RESIDENT HONOURED WITH KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL



Mr. Bill Croshaw received the King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the community on January 31, 2025.

Pictured here, from left to right, during the medal presentation is Warden Peter Emon, County of Renfrew, Mayor Debbie Grills, Head, Clara and Maria Township, Bill Croshaw, Louise Croshaw, Member of Parliament Cheryl Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and Board Chair David Cox, Deep River and District Health.

The Four Seasons Lodge Long-Term Care Home proudly celebrated a momentous occasion on January 31, 2025 as resident Mr. William (Bill) Croshaw was presented with the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal. The award was bestowed upon him by Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, during a special ceremony held at the home.

The Coronation Medal, a Canadian honour, commemorates the ascension of His Majesty King Charles III as King of Canada. This distinction is awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to Canada, their province, region, or community, or who have achieved outstanding accomplishments abroad that bring credit to the country.

“On behalf of County Council and the residents of Renfrew County, I extend my sincere congratulations to Bill Croshaw,” said County Warden Peter Emon. “This distinguished honour recognizes your dedication, unwavering commitment, and the profound positive impact you have made on your community and the County.”

Bill has spent his life in public service, dedicating himself to the betterment of his community. A former police officer and Mayor, he has worked tirelessly to enhance long-term care for seniors in Renfrew County, advocating for improved services and a better quality of life for the elderly. His dedication to public safety extended beyond his policing career, as he also taught firearms safety and promoted responsible outdoor recreation.

Bill’s many contributions to his community were also highlighted when he was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his service and dedication in 2013.



Bill is the former Reeve of Head, Clara, and Maria Township, representing the most northerly township in Renfrew County. He first served on Township Council in 1996 and was elected Reeve in 1999. He served as Chair of the Health Committee, overseeing Bonnechere Manor, Miramichi Lodge, and the Emergency Services Department. Additionally, he was a dedicated member of the County's Finance & Administration Committee.

Beyond his leadership roles, Bill has a distinguished military and law enforcement background. A veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy and a retired Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Sergeant, he served for 31 years with postings in Pembroke, Rolphton, and the Village of Upsala, north of Thunder Bay.

A passionate advocate for outdoor recreation, Bill has long promoted camping and tourism opportunities in Head, Clara and Maria Township. He was a long-standing member of the Pembroke Outdoor Sportsman's Club, an avid fisherman and hunter, and a certified Canadian Firearms Safety Course Instructor.

Bill and his wife, Louise, now reside together at the Four Seasons Lodge Long-Term Care Home, where they remain active in community service through their roles on the home's Residents' Council.

"Bill's lifelong dedication to his country, community, and the people of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke is truly commendable," said MP Cheryl Gallant. "It is an honour to see his contributions recognized with the King Charles III Coronation Medal."

The Four Seasons Lodge Long-Term Care Home is honoured to have been part of this special occasion and congratulates Bill on his well-deserved recognition.



Pictured here is King Charles III Coronation Medal Recipient, Bill Croshaw, along with his wife Louise Croshaw.



A Proclamation on World Autism Day 2025

Whereas:

World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2025, in Canada. Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community, and the work we do helps all autistic individuals and families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections — not only on April 2 but every day throughout the year.

Whereas:

Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth. It not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities. It's crucial for us to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society.

Whereas:

Autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals. Each person's experience with autism can change over time. This evolving journey highlights the uniqueness of every autistic individual, emphasizing the need for understanding and support tailored to their specific needs.

Whereas:

Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism, and since 1973, has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province.

Whereas:

Autism Ontario is devoted to raising public awareness about autism and addressing the everyday challenges faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who work alongside them. We urge everyone to recognize and celebrate the unique differences and needs of others, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can participate fully in activities and discussions. Together, we can create a society that values and includes everyone.

Now Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that I, (insert Mayor name or designate), do hereby recognize April 2 as World Autism Day while committing to embrace awareness and acceptance today and every day throughout the year.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April 2025.

Inspection

Inspection of 2025 – 2026 Annual Work Schedule - Algonquin Park Forest

The April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest** is available for public viewing by contacting the **Algonquin Forestry Authority** during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **March 15, 2025** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

More Information

For more information on the AWS, to arrange a virtual/in-person meeting with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request AWS summary information, please contact the MNR staff listed below:

For information on the rules for obtaining wood for personal use, please visit: ontario.ca/CrownLandWood.
For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Forest Company listed below.

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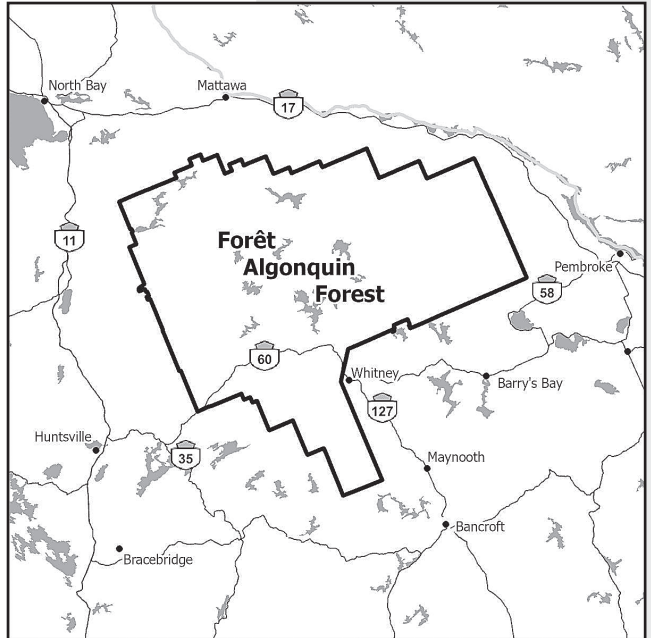
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Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

ontario.ca/ForestManagement

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Community Futures Development Corporation

Renfrew County

Dear Municipal Partner,

On behalf of the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation (RCCFDC), I'm writing to share an exciting funding opportunity that could help bring your community's economic development ideas to life. Our **Renfrew County Community Development Fund** is now accepting applications, and we'd love to see how your municipality might benefit from this program.

This fund provides non-repayable grants of up to \$5,000, matching up to 50% of your eligible project costs. We designed this program to support meaningful initiatives that strengthen our local economy and create lasting positive change in our communities.

What makes this funding special is its focus on real community impact. We're looking for projects that:

- Address key economic development priorities that matter to your residents
- Create tangible benefits for your local business community
- Make a measurable difference you can see and share
- Bring together community partners for stronger economic development
- Build your municipality's capacity to drive economic growth

We know from experience that the best projects often start with a conversation. That's why we strongly encourage you to reach out to our office before completing an application. We'd be happy to discuss your ideas and help you shape them into a strong proposal.

Ready to take the next step? You'll find both the Program Guidelines and Application Form attached to this email. Here's how to proceed:

- Start by reviewing the [Program Guidelines](#)
- Complete the [Application Form](#)
- When you're ready, send your completed application to info@rccfdc.org



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Remember, this opportunity remains open until all funding is allocated, so we encourage you to act soon if you have a project in mind. Our team is here to support you throughout the process and help you develop an application that aligns with both your community's needs and our program objectives. We look forward to learning about your ideas for strengthening our local economy.

Best regards,

Cyndy Phillips
Executive Director
Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation

For more information: Email: michele.gagnon@rccfdc.org



- NOTICE -

SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act and applicable Municipal By-Laws, reduced load limits on roads throughout the County of Renfrew will be in effect commencing **Monday, March 17, 2025** at 12:01 a.m. until **Friday, May 30, 2025** at 12:01 a.m., unless otherwise notified.

Vehicle loads will be restricted to 5 tonnes per axle on the roads where signs have been erected.

A list of the County Roads subject to reduced load limits can be viewed on the County Website at:

<https://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca/en/living-here/construction-updates-and-detours-511.aspx>

Haulers should contact the appropriate road authority to determine the spring load restrictions on local municipal roads.

For further information, please contact:

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