

## Mayor's report to Council, March 22nd, 2017

Good afternoon Council and Staff

Since my last report on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> last year I have attended on Council's behalf a County Council meeting on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> and a Health committee meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. I missed the March 6<sup>th</sup> Operations committee meeting due to a medical appointment. On March 21<sup>st</sup> I attended a meeting of the County of Renfrew Forestry and Value-added Wood Processing Economic Development Committee.

At the County Council meeting on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> I raised the issue of B-08-09-03 and asked for the County's support in our endeavor to have this change rescinded. This resulted in a 47 minute discussion in which all but one County Councillor spoke to the issue, a real rarity for this group. There was direction for a letter to be prepared from County to the province.

On Feb 22nd I attended a meeting of Laurentian Hills Council and asked if I could have delegation status. It was granted (majority vote) and I encouraged them to support our opposition to B-08-09-03 by passing their own resolution opposing this proposed change and asking their mayor to write his own letter to Minister Mauro. They will discuss this matter at their next meeting.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, MPP John Yakabuski sent a letter to the Minister asking for this proposed change to be rescinded.

I have received a number of positive comments from people appreciating my efforts to have this proposed change withdrawn.

I will continue my efforts until that happens. Unfortunately, there are still many municipal councils unaware of this impending liability.

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

Thank you