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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the 2012 Edition of the Town Times. I hope you will find this newspaper useful in learning all about what the Town of Petawawa has to offer you and how you can become involved in the community. The Town Times contains important information about the services available to our residents as well as information on leisure and recreational opportunities taking place throughout the year. It also contains a wide variety of pertinent information related to zoning and municipal by-law rules and regulations. I encourage you to take time to learn more about the community in which you call home!

As Council enters the second year of its four year term, we have some very exciting accomplishments to be proud of. This year, the Town of Petawawa ranked 81st in Money Sense Magazine's "Canada's Best Places to Live 2012" listing. This is a tremendous honour as it recognizes the safe, vibrant and comfortable lifestyle that Petawawa residents have worked hard to achieve over the years. Congratulations!

A testament to this success is the fact that the Town's population grew from 14,651 in 2006 to 15,998 in 2011, representing a 9.1% increase over this period. This growth has had a significant impact on municipal operations. Fortunately, the dedication of past and present Councils and staff to adequately plan for development has positioned the Town well to accommodate this growth. Council is currently performing a comprehensive review of the Town's Official Plan, which will identify potential growth areas within our boundaries. Council has also recently approved a water and wastewater financial plan that will enable staff to plan for future capital replacements and expansions for our water and wastewater systems. A Tourism Strategic Plan is also expected to be in place this year so that the Town can effectively market itself as a tourism destination and capture any potential economic spin-offs.

Over the past several years, Petawawa has been blessed with strong economic growth leading to significant new residential construction as well as several new commercial developments. Council and staff have ensured that proper planning tools, such as the Corporate Strategic Plan, the Recreation Master Plan, and the Infrastructure Plan, were and continue to be in place to pave the way for orderly growth and development that is specifically tailored to meet the needs of the community. In 2011, 364 building permits were issued with a value of over \$33 million, which now brings the total property assessment level to \$1.24 billion. Development also continues to occur within seven active subdivisions within the Town of Petawawa, evidence that development is not slowing down.

The Town of Petawawa's mission has always involved striving to meet the health, safety and leisure needs of the Town's residents through the provision of efficient and effective public services. We pride ourselves on providing excellent customer service while maintaining fiscal responsibility through integrity, accountability and transparency. The tax rate that the residents of Petawawa pay on the assessed value of their properties continues to be the

one of the lowest in Renfrew County. In 2011, taxpayers faced a modest tax rate increase of 2.31%. Even given this slight increase, Council and staff managed to complete over \$2.2 million worth of infrastructure projects.

Without a doubt, the Town of Petawawa is witnessing a rapid growth period. You can feel confident that Council and staff are planning diligently for the future. We are committed to making sure that all of our residents have access to excellent public services while at the same time maintaining a practical tax rate. Whether it is our outstanding library services, our top-notch special events, our effective police and fire services, or our quality infrastructure network, the Town of Petawawa will continually strive to exceed your expectations!

Bob Sweet, Mayor
Town of Petawawa



MESSAGE FROM CFB PETAWAWA'S BASE COMMANDER



As Base Commander, I am very proud of the relationship the community and CFB Petawawa have established and by the levels of openness, mutual awareness, and joint programs which exist both in the community and on the Base.

CFB Petawawa and the Town of Petawawa have worked vigorously over the years to complete numerous joint initiatives to the betterment of the community. This partnership is important to our soldiers and their families who live in the communities which make up the Ottawa Valley and will remain a priority as we move forward.

It's a well known fact that Canadian soldiers will live in many communities throughout the course of their career and military postings have brought thousands of soldiers to this area. What may not be as well known are how many Canadian Forces members and their families end up settling in the Petawawa area following retirement. While the tremendous natural environment is one of the reasons, the largest contributing factor, in my opinion, is the outstanding community spirit that exists.

CFB Petawawa is one of Canada's leading training Bases and as such is tremendously busy. The main focus of CFB Petawawa is to generate, employ and sustain effective relevant forces in order to meet Canada's domestic and international defence objectives. CFB Petawawa is continually meeting this mandate and in fact is currently deploying about 100 soldiers to Afghanistan as part of Operation Attention and is engaged in a number of major training exercises in Europe, the United States and right here in the Ottawa Valley.

CFB Petawawa is looking forward to immense growth over the next few years with respect to infrastructure and personnel due mainly to the opening of 450 Squadron. The introduction of a Chinook Helicopter Squadron to CFB Petawawa will see a steady growth in numbers of personnel beginning with the first 100 soldiers arriving in May 2012. This initial group of soldiers will be responsible for preliminary start up of 450 Squadron. By the summer of 2013 we are expecting another 100 members to help prepare the Unit for full operating capability. As the Unit's functions progress additional personnel will be added to an eventual strength of approximately 400 in total. We expect this should happen by 2014-15. The introduction of 450 Squadron to the area is great news. With the additional personnel will come a need for enhanced infrastructure. Some of the projects which we refer to as third order projects or projects which support but are not necessarily a part of the project will include new builds such as housing and Unit Dining and Training facilities.

Ultimately as we look ahead, CFB Petawawa is in for some exciting times and we are grateful for the partnerships that exist with our Valley neighbours.

Lieutenant-Colonel C.C. Moyle,
Base Commander CFB Petawawa



IMPORTANT NUMBERS & WEBSITES

TOWN OF PETAWAWA.....	613-687-5536
www.petawawa.ca	
Public Works.....	613-687-2692
(emergency after hours).....	613-732-3525
Petawawa Fire Department Station 2 (non-emergency).....	613-687-4579
Civic Centre.....	613-687-5678
Library.....	613-687-2227
www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca	
Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA).....	613-687-2141
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP dispatch).....	888-376-5197
Upper Ottawa Valley OPP (admin. only).....	613-735-0188
www.opp.ca	
CFB Petawawa.....	613-687-5511
www.army.forces.gc.ca/CFB_PETAWAWA	
County of Renfrew.....	613-735-7288
www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca	
Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre.....	613-687-7537
www.ovwrc.com	
Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre.....	613-687-7641
www.pcfhc.ca	
Renfrew County & District Health Unit	
Health Info Line.....	613-735-8666
Reception.....	613-732-3629
Immunization.....	613-735-8653
Dental.....	613-735-8661
Environmental Health Inspection.....	613-735-8654
Health Promotion & Clinical Services.....	613-735-8651
www.rcdhu.com	
Health Cards	888-376-5197
www.health.gov.on.ca	
Service Ontario.....	800-267-8097
www.serviceontario.ca	
Service Canada.....	800-622-6232
www.servicecanada.gc.ca	
Cheryl Gallant, MP.....	613-732-4404
www.cherylqallant.com	
John Yakabuski, MPP.....	613-735-6627
www.johnnyakabuski.com	
MTO - Road Conditions.....	800-268-4686
www.mto.gov.on.ca	
Pembroke Regional Hospital.....	613-732-2811
www.pemgenhos.org	
Deep River District Hospital.....	613-584-3333
(Emergency Dept).....	613-584-1266 ext.166
www.drdrh.org	



While often overlooked, a career in local government can be rewarding and fulfilling for many professionals.

Before I began my career, well over 30 years ago, I was unaware of the role of municipal government in our daily lives. Through summer jobs working in municipal offices around the province, mostly as a planning student, at both the local and upper tier levels, I quickly became aware that there was an unexplored and often neglected area of endeavour and that is working in local government.

What credentials do you need to work in local government? That answer depends on the area you wish to pursue.

The Chief Administrative Officer (who is like a CEO in the private sector) is responsible for the overall operations and activities of the Corporation as directed by the

Message from the CAO/Clerk

Ever considered a career in local government?

municipal Council. The CAO recommends policies, procedures, and long-term planning goals and objectives to the elected Council. The CAO usually has education in Public Administration or a related field and has completed a variety of special courses that pertain to local government management.

The field of finance is of course very important to the municipal operation. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining all financial records including taxation. The Treasurer usually holds an accounting designation like a CA or CMA. There are many other people that work in the finance department from accounts payable/receivable, payroll, asset management, taxation and human resources. Each of these positions requires accounting and business education and experience.

Finance and administration are only two of the areas required by municipal governments. Public Works requires people with an engineering background such as a P. Eng. (professional engineer) or a C.E.T. (Certified Engineering Technologist) as well as a variety of skilled trades such as equip-

ment operators, technicians and GIS specialists.

Parks and Recreation employs those with degrees in recreation and facility management. The Fire Department, By-law Enforcement, Animal Control and Building Department require individuals with special skill sets that require specific training in each area. Land use planners ensure that development takes place in an orderly manner within approved guidelines and legislation. Planners have university degrees in land use planning or geogra-

phy and receive special certifications from groups like the Canadian Institute of Planners.

With the baby boomer generation retiring, there are opportunities opening up in local government every day. If you are starting out on a career path to higher education at the college or university level, do not forget that your future could be in one of these professions working at the local government level!

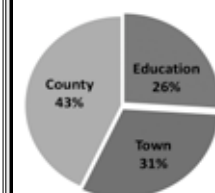
Mitchell W. Stillman
Town of Petawawa
CAO/Clerk

Tax Notes

WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

Town of Petawawa 2011 Residential Property Tax Bill

Percentage of Tax Dollars



• Residential taxes for the year are paid in three installments on the last business days of March, July and October.

• If you would prefer to pay on a monthly basis then a recurring payment can be set up through online or telephone banking. Please contact the Tax Department at 613-687-5536 for assistance in determining a suitable payment amount.

Your Town of Petawawa Council



Back left to right: Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Mitch Stillman, Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns, Councillors James Carmody, Frank Cirella and Murray Rutz, Treasurer/Deputy CAO Dan Scissons. Front left to right: Councillor Theresa Sabourin, Mayor Bob Sweet and Councillor Treena Lemay.

TOWN TIMES EDITORS:

Content for the articles in this tenth edition of the Town Times have been solicited and collected by the Town Times Committee consisting of Councillors James Carmody, Frank Cirella and Murray Rutz with staff support from Sarah Laverdure, Deputy Clerk. All spelling and numerical errors are theirs and they apologize in advance for any proof-reading oversights.

Once again, it is produced with the exceptional assistance, advice and courtesy of the staff at the Petawawa Post and the Town of Petawawa. All homes in the Town should have received this newspaper as distributed by the Petawawa Post.

Additional copies are available at the Municipal Office at 1111 Victoria Street.

WELCOME *New Arrivals*

New Building Inspector LEVI JUNOP



Levi Junop joined the Building Department for the Town of Petawawa in April 2011, in the position of Building Inspector. Levi is a certified Building Code Official and is committed to long-term employment with the Town. Levi's responsibilities as a Building Inspector include: processing applications for building permits, including the review of drawings and field inspections to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code, municipal by-laws and other applicable laws. In addition, he will enforce property standards and building by-laws.

Levi is originally from the Petawawa area and comes to the Town with more than 25 years experience working in the building industry; he has extensive experience in carpentry and heating and offers a wealth of knowledge in construction techniques. Levi appreciates attention to detail and quality workmanship. He has a good sense of humour, interacts well with others, and is willing to assist with any questions. For information in regards to constructing in Petawawa, feel free to contact the Building Department at the Town of Petawawa at 613-687-5536.

New Administrative Support/Receptionist at the Town Office AMY GIBERSON



My employment as Administrative Support/Receptionist with the Town of Petawawa commenced on January 9, 2012. I am a local, who grew up in the gorgeous area of Lake Dore and I moved to Petawawa during my employment with the County of Renfrew as Expo 150 Coordinator.

My time as Expo 150 Coordinator proved to be an experience I will never forget, as I witnessed each Community/Religion/Ethnic Group/Organization, etc., within the County pull together to celebrate not only who we once were, but also who we are today and who we are striving to become. In this experience, I learned many valuable lessons and gained knowledge and appreciation for the many diverse cultures within our area.

The light of my life is my son, Devon. He has boundless energy, which keeps me on my toes, but there is no better reward than to witness his true innocence and enthusiasm for life. I thoroughly enjoy my position and I couldn't ask for a better work environment or better people to work with!

New Schools in Petawawa

After a review of existing school facilities in Petawawa, a review committee recommended building two new schools. They will be located on Leeder Lane, behind the existing ambulance base station and the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre, both located on Civic Centre Road.

Renfrew County Catholic District School Board

St. Francis of Assisi will accommodate 240 pupils in a 26,000-square-foot facility (pictured below). The school will include green elements, new technology, a gymnasium as well as space for a day care facility. St Francis of Assisi school will be transferring its student body to their new facility in 2012.

Renfrew County District School Board

Petawawa's General Panet High School, General Lake Public School and Pinecrest Public School will be closed, while Pineview and Herman Street Public Schools will

remain open. A new school housing over 1400 students from Kindergarten through grade 12 is expected to be constructed by the Fall of 2014.



FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICE

Province of Ontario

- ✓ Application for Marriage Licence
- ✓ Request for Marriage Certificate
- ✓ Application for Birth Certificate
- ✓ Change of Name Application
- ✓ Affidavit for Vehicle Registration
- ✓ Family Gift of a Motor Vehicle
- ✓ Power of Attorney Forms
- ✓ Application for Direction of School Support
- ✓ Divorce Application

All of these forms and more are available at the Service Ontario office in Petawawa located in Building R102, 41 Festubert Boulevard in the Canex Plaza or at the Service Ontario office in Pembroke located at 400 Pembroke Street East or visit the Service Ontario website at www.ServiceOntario.ca.

Government of Canada

- ✓ Application for CPP
- ✓ Travel Consent form for Children
- ✓ Adult Passport Application
- ✓ Child Passport Application
- ✓ Passport Renewal Application
- ✓ Social Insurance Number Forms
- ✓ Statutory Declaration of Common-in-Law Union
- ✓ Statutory Declaration (Contractor)

All of these forms and more are available at the Service Canada office in Pembroke, located at 141 Lake Street or visit their website at www.servicecanada.gc.ca.



Looking for Maps?

Town of Petawawa maps are free and you can pick them up at the Municipal Office. We also have County of Renfrew maps available at a cost of \$3.00 each.



WiFi Zones

Did you know there are WiFi areas in Petawawa? Watch for WiFi Hot Spot Signs at these Petawawa locations:

- Norman Behnke Hall - 11 Norman Street
- Town Office - 1111 Victoria Street
- Pembroke/Petawawa Lions Club Hall - 1163 Victoria Street
- Evergreen Stage (off Algonquin Street) - 18 Park Drive

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!



TOWN OF PETAWAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICES FRONT OFFICE STAFF:

Kathy Pivato (Administrative Assistant), Amy Giberson (Administrative Support/Receptionist) and Debbie Lynch (Asset Management Clerk).

Community Policing Committee Spring Bike Rodeo

Come participate in the Community Policing Committee's annual bike rodeo. Its purpose is to get kids acquainted with basic bike safety and some starter riding tips.

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH, 2012 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. AT THE PETAWAWA CIVIC CENTRE.
For children ages 6-11

Valley Arts Council – Festival Hall

A message for friends and supporters of the Valley Arts Council and Festival Hall

By: Councillor Murray Rutz

We have had a very enthusiastic start to our theatre season for 2012. With new computer business upgrades and promotional changes we are able to serve the area residents more effectively.

Tribute to the Beatles was held in early February was the first act to come to Festival Hall bringing back many memories for the well attended event.

The Kiwanis Music Festival continues to draw competitors throughout Renfrew and Pontiac Counties. The Showcase, "Festival of Stars", recognized the winners of the Kiwanis Music Festival back in mid March and offers a chance for local music artist to showcase their talents.

An artists' workshop, entitled "Art from the Valley – 2012", is scheduled for April 28 at Festival Hall. The Workshop will cover "The Joy of Encaustic" by Brenda Scott and "Abstraction in Colour" by Jane Bonnell. Applications for the workshop are available at the VAC Office at Festival Hall, 401 Isabella Street, Pembroke.

Festival Hall and the Valley Arts Council and its three municipal partners; the Town of Petawawa, the City

of Pembroke and the Township of Laurentian Valley, play an important role in promoting culture, music and lifestyle in our community. Please come out and support when you see an event advertised that interests you.

Please also check out the Valley Arts Council website (www.valleyartscouncil.ca) for additional information. We can be contacted at the VAC Office at (613) 735-

2613 between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Tuesday to Friday or by email at vac@nrtco.net. Should you wish to volunteer (seniors, arts supporters and youth completing their community service hours, etc.), please contact our office as noted above. All volunteers are welcome.

Your community theatre and the arts in the Valley continue with the support of Petawawa Council.



SERVICE CLUBS IN PETAWAWA - GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Rotary Club

Petawawa Rotary meets every Tuesday at 6:00 pm at Danny's Restaurant in Petawawa. New members welcome! You can check out their website at www.clubrunner.ca/petawawa.

Greater Petawawa Civitan Club

The Civitan Club meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Civic Centre. For more information, please feel free to contact President Civitan Darlene Lambert at 613-735-6069 or Treasurer Civitan Bruce Skelhorn at 613-687-6196. If you are interested in joining, come out and see the Civitan Club in action on Sunday nights at the bingo.

Knights of Columbus

For more information on the Petawawa Knights of Columbus and their meeting times, feel free to contact the Grand Knight, Gerald Cook at 613-687-5364.

Petawawa Legion Branch 517

Anyone wishing to join the Legion should visit Legion Branch 517 at 3583 Petawawa Blvd. and talk with any member. Application forms are available at the office upstairs or

at the bar downstairs. If you have any questions, please call 613-687-2504.

Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club

The Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club meets at their Hall

at 1163 Victoria Street on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. They have two halls available for rent for weddings, parties, business meetings, etc. For more information please call 613-687-5020.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN...

The Town of Petawawa congratulates all business that opened their doors, celebrated milestones, or expanded over the last year!

WISE MOVE REALTY
FURNITURE KING
EGM INSURANCE/ROYAL LEPAGE
STUDIO LESLIE ANNE ROGERS
MCGARRY'S MUSIC WORLD
ACKLANDS GRAINGER
SIMPLY HOMEMADE BAKERY & CAFÉ
SPEEDPRO SIGNS
OVPHYSIO
PETAWAWA PHYSIO

While there are undoubtedly businesses absent from this list, we support and thank all our local businesses for their excellence in service and quality. The local business community is a vital component lending to the outstanding quality of life we enjoy in Petawawa.

ServiceOntario

SERVICE ONTARIO LOCATIONS

Petawawa: Building R102, 41 Festubert Avenue (inside the Canex Plaza)
(613) 687-4936

Hours of operation: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 am – 6 pm and Saturday from 9 am – 12 pm

Services offered:

• Driver and Vehicle • Health

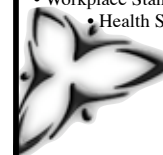
Pembroke: 400 Pembroke Street East (across from Dairy Queen)

Hours of operation: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

* designated bilingual location

Services offered:

• Business Registration • Driver and Vehicle • Health
• Workplace Standards • Fishing and Hunting Licenses
• Health Services • Housing and Property



Ontario

POOL FENCING REQUIREMENTS

The Town's Fence By-law (By-law No. 378/06) requires that a pool fence permit must be obtained from the Building Department for swimming pools in excess of 18 inches (45 centimeters) in depth, whether or not there is an existing fence. A guide for swimming pool owners may be obtained by calling the Town Office at 613-687-5536. If the pool has an attached deck, a building permit is also required for the deck.



Public Works Department: We're more than just roads!

By: Tom Renaud, Public Works Supervisor

The Town of Petawawa Public Works Department is currently responsible for the repair and maintenance of approximately 220 km of roads, 70 km of sidewalks and the maintenance of 425 hydrants within the Town boundaries. Other responsibilities include the installation and repair of all regulatory, warning and civic addressing signs, streetlights, entrance culverts, drywells and recycling container distribution (Green Bins, Yellow Bins and Kitchen Bins).

The Spring and Summer months begin with grass cutting of all boulevards, roadside grass, 15 parks and around the Town office. Equipment used are 4 MTS Municipal Tractors complete with all attachments required for different terrain applications.

The winter season consists of plowing of 220 km of Town roads and sidewalks as well as the North and South PMQ areas. Public Works has 5 snow plows, each with assigned routes, as well as a loader with a plow for the North townsite where the roads are considerably narrower and harder to

maneuver. Staff complete the snowplowing and clearing of sidewalks within approximately 5 hours of the initial dispatching.

The staff of our department consists of 7 full-time employees, 2 part-time (students) for the summer months, 4 contract employees for the winter season (November 1- March 31) as well as 5 on call wingman for snowplowing. There is also a full time mechanic/operator responsible for maintenance, repairs and safety inspections of all Public Works, Fire Department, By-law Enforcement and Parks and Recreation vehicles and equipment.

The Public Works Department encourages all residents to report any concerns or inquiries that they might have. Hours of operation for the Public Works department are 7:00 am – 3:30 pm. There is also an emergency number for after hours call.

Contact information:
613-687-2692
(during regular hours)
613-732-3525
(after hours for emergency calls)
email@petawawa.ca

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

How would the Town respond to a 7.3 magnitude earthquake?

By: Karen Cronier, Community Emergency Management Coordinator

On Tuesday October 25, 2011 the Town of Petawawa participated in a County-wide emergency exercise that was designed to answer this question.

A common emergency scenario was developed for all participating municipalities. Groups of municipalities then worked together on creating exercise inputs that crossed municipal boundaries. This was an important aspect of the exercise as it is important to develop a good working relationship with our neighbours prior to the occurrence of a disaster or emergency.

At 9:30 AM on October 25, 2011 thirteen municipalities within the County of Renfrew activated their Emergency Operations Centre and notified their Community Control Group to assemble. The Town's CCG consisted of the Deputy Mayor (our Mayor was responding to the County EOC fulfilling his role as Warden), CAO, Deputy Clerk, Supervisor of Public Works, Economic Development Coordinator who acts as our Emergency Information Officer, Fire Chief, OPP Representative, OCWA Representative, and Manager of Parks and Recreation. Members assembled in the Council Chambers which acts as our Emergency Operations Centre and spent the day responding to inputs that were written specifically to test their departments.



The County of Renfrew held two teleconferences which linked together all municipal Community Emergency Management Coordinators. This was the first time this method of communication was tested. It was found to be extremely effective and efficient in providing updates to the municipalities and allowing for the efficient distribution of information.

A hot wash at the end of the exercise provided the opportunity for all members of the CCG to provide feedback on the activities of the day. This session is vital in obtaining suggestions in how we can improve our response or perhaps identify additional equipment that the Town should consider obtaining. A power point presentation on the effects of an earthquake and the proper response were also included on the agenda as part of the training.

Overall the event was a great success and marked the final requirement in fulfilling our obligations under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.



GETTING MARRIED?

Marriage licenses available at the Town Office!

Simply pick up an application from the Town Office or print off a copy at home at www.serviceontario.ca. Bring the completed application form along with 2 pieces of original identification for each applicant to the Town Office. At least one of the applicants must be present to submit the application and pick up the completed license. If either applicant has been divorced please bring the original certificate of divorce.

A marriage license is valid for a period of 3 months and is valid for use anywhere in Ontario. The cost of the license is \$100.

If you are planning a civil ceremony, please contact www.allseasonsweddings.com.

To book a wedding or photos at Centennial Park, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 613-687-5678 to book your date.



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Attention all residents, please call these numbers regarding locates:

ONTARIO ONE CALL (FOR BELL AND NATURAL GAS)

Phone: 1-800-400-2255

Fax: 1-800-400-8876

www.on1call.com

HYDRO ONE

Phone: 1-888-664-9376

Fax: 1-888-625-4401

COGECO

Phone: 1-800-267-9000

WATER AND SEWER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Phone: 613-687-2692

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

Phone: 1-877-372-7233



COMMISSIONING SERVICES AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Need someone to witness your signature?

A Commissioner of Oaths is a person authorized to take your oath or solemn affirmation when you sign an affidavit or a statutory declaration. A Commissioner does not certify that the statements being made are true, but only certifies that an oath or solemn affirmation has been administered properly.

If you require commissioning services, please visit the Municipal Office or call 613-687-5536 for more information. Be sure to bring identification whenever you need documents commissioned. There is no fee for this service.

Is your child travelling outside Canada without you?

There is a form that is required to accompany your child. The form is available online at www.servicecanada.gc.ca. Bring the completed form to the Municipal Office to have a Commissioner of Oaths witness your signature.

Petawawa Parks and Recreation

"Where it's recess all the time!"



**By: Kelly Williams,
Manager of Parks and
Recreation**

What do children do during recess at school? Most of us can relate to recess as it once formed part of our daily school-time routine. Most days, you went outside to play! During recess,

you ran, skipped, played sports or just walked with your friends and socialized. Petawawa Parks and Recreation wants to encourage all residents to get outside and play on a regular basis. Studies show that people of all ages are not getting enough daily exercise and children are spending far too many hours each day indoors in front of some type of video screen. This is having a significant negative impact on the overall health of residents in communities across our nation. As a result, Petawawa Parks and Recreation has a new vision and service mandate. Our vision includes a healthy and

active community where residents take advantage of the natural beauty and amenities that our local environment and landscape has to offer. Over the next number of years, Parks and Rec will commence a number of projects designed to improve and expand outdoor recreational opportunities within our beautiful community.

Recently, the Town initiated a concept plan project for Petawawa Point Park. This high level plan will set the stage for improvements to the park over time. As the Town's premiere beach/waterfront park, Petawawa Point has provided endless summertime fun for residents and visitors for decades. This project will

ensure that the park is preserved and maintained while providing an increased level of service to residents for many years to come.

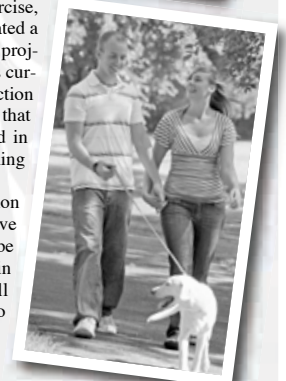
Parks and Rec will also be improving and expanding the Town's trail network. Anchored by the Emerald Necklace Trail System, Petawawa has an abundance of scenic trails centrally located. But the Town is also seeing significant residential and commercial growth. This growth will require expansion to the existing trail systems. Do you have an interest in Petawawa Trails? Parks and Rec will be commencing a Petawawa Trails Committee in the spring of 2012 to assist in this endeavor. If you have an interest in trails in

Petawawa, call the Parks and Rec office at 613-687-5678.

In 2012, Parks and Rec will also be commencing two other significant outdoor recreational projects. A splashpad facility project is currently underway. This summertime aquatic facility will provide countless hours of fun for children on those hot sunny days. The proposed facility will be centrally located at Petawawa Civic Centre and is anticipated to be constructed sometime during the summer of 2012.

For those who enjoy walking their dog as a means of physical exercise, Parks and Rec has initiated a Leash Free Dog Park project. While the project is currently in the site selection phase, it is anticipated that a LFDP will be located in Petawawa in the coming months.

For more information on projects listed above or on how you can be more physically active in Petawawa, please call 613-687-5678 or go to www.petawawa.ca.



Your mouth is probably still watering after last year's event. Well guess what we're doing it again! From August 17th to the 19th you can do it all over again at the PETAWAWA ENDLESS SUMMER RIBFEST! Join us at the Petawawa Civic Centre for three days of RIBS, MUSIC, MUD and a great old time! This year we have over a dozen bands, 4 professional rib teams, children's Kids Zone with Inflatables, pony rides and more. Should we stop there? NO, there's still more fun to be had with skateboard demos, craft fair, slow-pitch tournament and oh yeah and our very own Festival of Mud! Teams of four compete in games like volleyball, jousting, tug of war and more, all in the mud. This year we're adding in a kiddy mud pit just for the little ones.

The planning is already taking place including Tribute Bands like Destroyer (Kiss tribute) and Little Bones (Tragically Hip tribute) and Sunday is all day Country music. Need to find out more? You can check out information at: www.endlesssummerribfest.ca or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 687-5678 * 22.

**"Don't forget your wet wipes
cuz yur gonna need'em!"**

Renfrew County Senior Games



**Open to All
Adults 55 Years
and Over - June
6th and 7th,
2012 in Arnprior**

The Renfrew County Senior Games provide a venue for all seniors (55+) in Renfrew County to compete in a variety of activities from euchre to golf, in the spirit of friendship and camaraderie.

The Summer Games are held in June and are hosted by a different community each year. This year, Arnprior has the honour of hosting the Games. Up to 400 seniors are expected to participate in these Games and enjoy the fun of competing with other seniors of their age group.

For more information including a listing of all events and a downloadable registration form, please check the website: www.renfrewcountyseniorgames.ca or call the Nick Smith Centre at 613-623-7301.



TOWN EVENTS SCHEDULE Mark your calendars!

- MAY 11TH: REEL PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL**
- MAY 11-13TH: HELL OR HIGH WATER
(KAYAKING, RAFTING AND DRAGON BOATS)**
- MAY 26TH: PLAY AGAIN (FREE FILM SCREENING)**
- JUNE 14-17TH: CIVIC CENTRE DAYS**
- JULY 1ST: CANADA DAY**
- AUGUST 17 - 19TH: PETAWAWA ENDLESS
SUMMER RIBFEST**
- SEPTEMBER 21ST: FUSION OF SENSES
(FOOD AND WINE EVENT)**
- OCTOBER 13TH: PUMPKIN PATCH
& HALLOWEEN BASH**
- OCTOBER 14TH: FALL FAMILY FUN RUN**
- NOVEMBER: LIONS CLUB SANTA CLAUS PARADE**
- DECEMBER 2ND: CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**
- DECEMBER 31ST: NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION**

PETAWAWA
**CIVIC CENTRE
DAYS 2012**

The Petawawa Public Library - We're More Than Just Books!

By: Rachael Brown, Public Relations Librarian

Imagine a place where you can learn how to cook an exotic dish, discover new gardening tips, curl up on a comfy chair with a coffee and catch up on the latest news or celebrity gossip, find the resources to complete that last-minute assignment, develop a fitness and nutrition plan, rent your favourite DVD series, or bring your kids to read alongside their favourite four-legged friends ... What would that place look like?

In case you don't already know, all of these services—and many, many more—can be accessed at our library! And the best part of all is that it is completely free! We welcome and con-

gratulate Janet Coulas, our new CEO. Janet is a visionary with a very forward thinking approach and a desire to see this library transformed into a welcoming community centre. Many people view the library as a one-stop shop for books, and while that will always be our main focus, we offer so much more to our patrons! Let me list just a few of the many programs and services available to you as a member of the Petawawa Public Library.

We love children! We believe that their education and well-being is of utmost importance and our amazing new Children's Librarian, Kelly Thompson, goes above and beyond to create unique and fun

programs which cater to every age group. Register this June for our TD Summer Reading Program and enjoy a full summer of books, games, crafts and much more! Or, why don't you sign your child up for reading sessions with certified therapy dogs? It's a great way to encourage reading with their furry friends. Alyson Young has done a lot of work preparing for our upcoming programs, so make sure to stay tuned for some exciting program announcements! Unfortunately, our wonderful Children's Programmer is moving away this summer but we couldn't be happier for her and wish her all the best!

It wouldn't be fair to let our children have all the fun, so we have hired a new adult programmer, Rachael Brown, to bring back our highly requested adult programs. A survey was distributed around Petawawa to find out what YOU would like to see offered at the library this year, and in return for your participation, our generous friends at Madameek donated a gift certificate for our prize winner! We couldn't be more excited to launch brand new adult programs this spring, so please stay tuned for details on gardening, cooking, book clubs, photography and fitness and nutrition classes commencing this May. But if programs aren't your thing, please don't hes-

itate to come by the library, grab a good book, and enjoy our new Keurig coffee machine donated by Petawawa Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinic!

More recently, we have eBooks and popular eAudiobooks that can be downloaded or read online. If you've been looking for an opportunity to use that new e-reader of yours, look no further. Visit our website (www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca) where you'll find a wide variety of books to choose from. Or if you suddenly realize that your books are due but you can't get to the library in time to renew them, you can avoid the fine by logging onto your account from home by selecting 'Online Catalogue' from our website! All you need is your library card and PIN number. While you're there, maybe you're looking for a particular book that we don't carry? Not to worry—you can request an Interlibrary Loan! Perhaps there's a new DVD you're looking forward to watching? Simply log on to your account and place a hold on it. You can call us anytime at

613-687-2227 if you have any questions about these services.

We are so pleased to be able to offer these convenient online services to you, but nothing makes us happier than seeing you come through our doors! Whether you are taking advantage of our FREE wi-fi and computer use (did you know you can sign out a laptop for in-library use?) or just browsing through our extensive collections of old and new books or movies, we just love getting to know you. All of our friendly staff members (Ruth, Kelly, Dorry Ann, Janet C., Janet H., Carol, Lynn, Maggie, Alyson, Rachael and Jordan) take pride in offering knowledgeable assistance with a smile and a sense of humour! We are proud to serve Petawawa, and feel so privileged to engage ourselves with such a wonderful community. So, add us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, check out our website, but most importantly—come say hello and visit us at 16 Civic Centre Road! This is your library—we want to hear from YOU!



At the Petawawa Public Library, we have eBooks and popular eAudiobooks that can be downloaded or read online.



PAWS TO READ PROGRAM
The program runs from September – June for children Grades K – 8. You can sign your child up for a 15 minute reading session with a certified therapy dog! It's a great way to encourage reading. Please call the library to register.

CHILDREN'S COLOURING CONTEST!

Enter for your chance to win 4 tickets to Troyes Cinema!

Go to www.petawawa.ca, print out the picture of the fire truck, colour it, and bring it in to the Town Office at 1111 Victoria Street. The winner will be chosen by the Fire Chief on April 30th and will receive 4 tickets to Troyes Cinema.



WIN TICKETS TO THE SHRINERS CIRCUS IN OTTAWA!

Visit www.petawawa.ca and follow the link **"WIN CIRCUS TICKETS"**

Fill in the ballot and bring it to the Town Office at 1111 Victoria Street OR to the Town of Petawawa booth at Show Case being held at the Civic Center, April 19th through April 22nd.

Draw held April 22nd.



Petawawa Residents Have Been "Walking Lightly on the Environment" For Over 10 Years

By: Elizabeth Graham, Communications Officer, Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre

It has been over 10 years since the Town of Petawawa joined 4 other area municipalities to open the doors of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre on January 2nd, 2002. And as residents and businesses of the Town of Petawawa you have a lot to be celebrating. In 2011 alone, you've increased the amount you recycle by over 5% and the amount of material you put in your green cart by over 4%. That's over 159,000 kilograms of additional waste kept out of the landfill.

But recycling and composting is not the only activi-

ties Petawawa residents participate in that helps keep waste out of the landfill. In 2011, over 560 vehicles visited Petawawa's Environmental Day to drop of hazardous waste, electronic waste and tires. On that one day alone, over 9,000 litres of paint and a tractor trailer load of electronic waste was recycled or disposed of properly and that was just a small amount of the total material that was kept out of the landfill that day.

Tom Mohns, Town of Petawawa Deputy Mayor and Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board Vice-Chair is pleased with the ongoing success of the Environmental Day. "Every year the Environmental Day in Petawawa grows," com-

ments Deputy Mayor Mohns. "Offering residents an easy way to dispose of their hazardous waste and things like TV's and computers is a good way to keep these materials out of our landfill and off our roadsides." Residents can visit the 2012 Environmental Day in Petawawa on May 19th at the Petawawa Civic Centre from 9am to 3pm.

Another annual event Petawawa residents participate in is the Spring Bulky Item Collection. Residents with Wednesday collection must have their material to the curb by April 29th, residents with Thursday collection by May 6th and Friday residents by May 13th. Residents should always refer to their collection

schedule for a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items. "It is still very common to see construction and renovation materials and electronic waste set out at the roadside during the Bulky Item Collections," states Deputy Mayor Mohns. "This material is not collected during the Bulky Item Collections and must be taken to the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre for disposal."

Town of Petawawa residents can get all this and more information from the 2012/2013 Collection Schedules which were delivered in late March. If you did not receive your collection schedule, copies can be downloaded from www.ovwrc.com and are available at your Municipal Office or from OVWRC.

We hope you can all join us for our Community Celebration on September 29th as part of our 10 Year Anniversary. Follow us on

Facebook at www.facebook.com/ovwrc for more information on this fun filled, family event including a per-

formance by Junkyard Symphony and special tours of our recycling and composting operations.



A resident reviews the 2012/2013 Collection Schedule for Waste and Recycling pick-up as well as the new insert included in the schedule as a reminder of what can be recycled and composted.

NOTICE – Town of Petawawa Residents - 2012/2013 Collection Schedule CORRECTION

Please note there is an error on the 2012/2013 Collection Schedule on the following dates: August 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Residents WILL receive Garbage, Yellow Bin and Green Cart Collection and on October 31st, November 1st, 2nd. Residents WILL receive Green Cart, Blue Box, AND Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Fun Facts about Pets

- To survive, every bird must eat at least half its own weight in food each day
- A bird's heart beats 400 times per minute while they are resting
- Larger parrots such as macaws and cockatoos live more than 75 years
- Many hamsters only blink one eye at a time
- Iguanas are able to hold their breath for up to 30 minutes
- A garter snake can give birth to 85 babies
- A goldfish can live up to 40 years
- Cats do not have sweat glands
- A cat can jump as much as seven times its height
- Cats have five toes on each front paw, but only four toes on each back paw
- Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten
- A pack of kittens is called a kindle while a pack of adult cats is called a "clowder"
- An adult cat can run about 12 miles per hour and can sprint at nearly thirty miles per hour
- A cat's tongue is scratchy because it is lined with papillae – tiny elevated backwards hooks that help to hold prey in place
- The nose pad of each cat has ridges in a unique pattern not unlike a person's fingerprints
- Cats' bodies are extremely flexible; the cat skeleton contains more than 230 bones (a human has about 206), and the pelvis and shoulders loosely attach to the spine. This adds to their flexibility and allows them to fit through very small spaces
- Cats have better memories than dogs. Tests conducted by the University of Michigan concluded that while a dog's memory lasts no more than 5 minutes, a cat's can last as long as 16 hours – exceeding even that of monkeys and orangutans
- Dogs only sweat from the bottoms of their feet; the only way they can discharge heat is by panting
- Dogs have about 100 different facial expressions, most of them made with the ears
- Dogs do not have an appendix
- There are more than 200 different breeds of dogs
- Dalmatians are born spotless; at first pure white, their spots develop as they age
- Contrary to popular belief, dogs aren't colour blind; they can see shades of blue, yellow, green and gray. The colour red registers on a grayscale in the dog's vision



AIRPORT INITIATIVES MAKE FOR A MAJOR IMPACT

Flying school, passenger service, new hangar among pursuits in Petawawa

After serving as the host for Expo 150 in 2011, the Pembroke & Area Airport has used the opportunity to move forward with a number of initiatives for growth at the Airport.

One initiative of major interest to most residents is the possibility that scheduled passenger service may return to the region. For those new to the area, passenger service was available at the Airport for over 33 years, but has not been available for the past decade. The Airport has been active in pursuing this opportunity, and a feasibility study is currently underway to determine the support for the service. Allan Wren, Chair of the Pembroke & Area Airport

Commission (the governing body of the Airport) is hopeful of a positive result from the study.

"For a service to have been supported here for over 30 years, I think it is clearly a viable option to see that service return," says Wren. "We know local people, businesses and organizations want this service back and we are doing whatever we can to make that happen."

Another initiative that is being pursued is the construction of a new hangar to accommodate increased traffic at the Airport. Estimated to cost in the neighbourhood of \$850,000, the Airport is looking to make a solid business case for the investment. An Expression of Interest is being circulated to help build the financial case for hangar tenancy, and to remind businesses that the Airport is a great option for the aviation-related work being done at CFB Petawawa.

"We have a fantastic facility here, and we are open for business," says Allan Wren. "As this region develops in aviation, we want organizations to know that operating from the Airport is a viable option, and quite convenient."

Finally, the Airport also made an agreement with Ottawa Aviation Services to operate a flying school from the facility. Several local people have already registered to obtain their pilot's license, and additional training is also available for recertification, military training and more.

For more information, visit www.flycyta.ca. There is also a great video that is found through the website or via YouTube.



Does Your Home Business Comply with Zoning By-Laws?

You've decided that you would like to start a business and work from your home. So you start planning to remodel your garage or add an extension to your house to make room for your home office. Before you do anything however, you need to ensure that your business meets the requirements of the Town of Petawawa Zoning By-law.

Part of the process of making sure that your business is legal involves checking with the zoning by-laws and determining if your business complies. You wouldn't want to make the mistake of beginning to operate a home business only to find out that the use is prohibited under the Zoning By-law. The Town of Petawawa has specific rules and regulations for home occupations and home industries which limit the scope of the business.

Typical regulations for home occupations include:

- The use must be conducted entirely within

the dwelling unit and carried on by person(s) residing in the dwelling unit.


- Only one employee, other than the resident of the premises, is permitted to be employed.
- No external display or advertising other than a small sign.
- Not more than 25% of the dwelling unit area is to be used for the home occupation.
- Home occupation is to be clearly secondary to the residential use.
- No storage of equipment, vehicles or supplies outside the dwelling unit.
- No additional off-street parking is to be required.
- The use must not generate additional pedestrian or vehicular traffic beyond that being normal to the neighbourhood.
- No equipment or process that creates excessive noise, vibration, glare, fumes or odour detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of those in the neighbourhood will be permitted.

- Should instruction be carried on no more than six pupils in attendance at one time.
- A private garage is not to be used for a home occupation.


Reference should be made to Section 3.13 of the Zoning By-law for a complete list of rules and regulations. Section 3.12 of the Zoning By-law provides for the rules and regulations for a Home Industry. Typical regulations for home industries are similar to those of the home occupation; however a home industry may include the use of an accessory building for the purpose of the business.

The main goal of the Zoning By-law is to curtail high volume or high-traffic activities within residential areas and to ensure that the residential character of a neighbourhood is not negatively affected by such businesses. Typically a home occupation may exist and neighbours may be unaware due to the fact that the business is minor in nature.

Before hiring a contractor to add that office space or an accessory building in your backyard, call the Planning Department or review the regulations on the Town website at www.petawawa.ca. The Town does enforce these zoning regulations and it is better to be on the safe side and ensure that your business complies before you begin operation. Home occupations and home industries must also be registered with the Municipality. Registrations forms may be obtained on the Town website.



The Town currently has 44 acres of vacant land on Industrial Drive (off Black Bay Road) zoned General Industrial which can be severed to suit at a price of \$10,000 per acre, serviced with water and electricity. For more information, please contact Cyndy Phillips McCann at cphillips@petawawa.ca or 613-687-5536 ext. 108.



TOWN COUNCIL IMPLEMENTS MANDATORY BUSINESS REGISTRY FOR ALL NEW & EXISTING BUSINESSES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PETAWAWA

WHO: All Businesses—new & old, commercial & home-based

WHAT: Business Registration Application

WHERE: Online at www.petawawa.ca, or at 1111 Victoria St. Petawawa

WHEN: ASAP!

WHY: To ensure business owners receive pertinent information, and to ensure Town staff have a comprehensive database of businesses within the Town of Petawawa For More Information call Cyndy at 613-687-5536

ATTENTION COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS

What is change of use?

Before you consider purchasing, renting or leasing a location for your business, whether it is in your home or in a commercial area, you should contact the Building Department to help determine what modifications to the building or space may be required. Changing the use or occupancy type of a building can present many challenges. In a change of use, modifications may need to be made to the building or space to bring the area up to the Ontario Building and Fire Codes for the particular occupancy classification that it will now be used for. For example, if you had an older house that was being converted to office space, it must comply with the most recent code requirements such as exiting and parking.

Most often, buildings are constructed to the minimum code requirements that apply for the use in which the building

was originally intended. Thus, there is a need to review plans and inspect the modifications made when the use of the building changes to ensure the building can support the life safety and parking requirements of the new occupancy type. For instance, there would be different exiting, firewall/separation and parking requirements needed to allow a day care facility or store to be placed in an office building. A less obvious example of a change of use is when a restaurant that has seating for less than 50 wants to increase the number of seats.

It is important to keep in mind that the legal use of the building may not be its most recent actual use. This means that a change of use permit may be required even if you don't plan to make any changes to the building or how the building is currently being used.

TOURISM STRATEGY FOR THE TOWN

Tourism remains one of the most important sectors to the economy in Petawawa. But the question is, are we doing the best job that we can do to help promote tourism in our town? The Economic Development Department is in the process of developing a Tourism Strategic Plan for the Town. Recently, BrainTrust Marketing & Communications was hired to complete the strategic plan.

The overall objectives of the strategic plan include:

- To develop tourism goals and objectives
- To research the feasibility of a stand-alone Visitor's Information Centre within the Town
- To determine how stakeholders will participate in initial strategy development well as in an ongoing and meaningful way
- To develop tools for data collection and evaluation

While this list may not be exhaustive, it really is the basis of what we hope to accomplish with this plan. This process will involve consultation with industry stakeholders through open meetings, phone interviews and an online survey. Over the next few months, if you are involved in the tourism industry in any way, shape or form, you can expect to be contacted by us! The success of this project is highly dependent on sector engagement, and we want to hear from you!

If you want to be involved, please call Cyndy Phillips McCann at 613-687-5536, ext. 108.



**Town of Petawawa
Fire Chief
Steve Knott**

Working Smoke Alarms are Essential in Seasonal Homes and Recreational Vehicles

The Town of Petawawa Fire Department is reminding everyone that it is the law to have a working smoke alarm in their trailer home, motor home and other recreational vehicle. In addition to smoke alarms these homes, vehicles or boats used for sleeping should be equipped with a carbon monoxide alarm.

"The Ontario Fire Code requires every 'dwelling unit' in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas," explained Fire Chief Steve Knott. "What many people may not know is that the term 'dwelling unit' includes seasonal homes such as park model trailers, cabins and cottages and may include trailer homes, motor homes and other recreational vehicles".

While many new trailer and RV models may already meet a construction standard requiring working smoke alarms, older models may not be equipped with any or they may not have been properly maintained. Smoke alarms should be tested before sleeping in any of these seasonal homes and then monthly and after any absence of more than a few days. Replace any smoke alarms that may be more than 10 years old.

"Smoke alarms can alert you and give you and your family the precious time needed to safely escape a fire," said Fire Chief Knott. "Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in any structure where people may be sleeping or living."

Failure to comply with the applicable Fire Code smoke alarm requirements can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$100,000.

Outdoor Burning Regulations

With the warm weather approaching, the following regulations shall be followed in regards to any burning within the Town of Petawawa. Town residents must keep in mind that burning any time of year is prohibited in certain areas of the Town of Petawawa regardless of Recreational or Open Air Burning. Zero tolerance will be enforced for those who burn without a permit.

Open Air Burning – No persons shall set a fire or allow a fire to burn within the boundaries of the Town of Petawawa without first having obtained a permit from the Municipality or the Chief Fire Official.

Open Air Burning – The following regulations shall apply with respect to open air burnings:

- a) Open air burnings may be conducted between the hours of 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM only. An exemption will only be granted for daylight burning by permit authorized by the Chief Fire Official, during the months of December through April inclusive;
- b) No materials other than wood or wood by products may be burned. Wood that has been treated, preserved, stained, painted or is combined with any other material or chemical shall not be burned;
- c) The use of flammable and combustible liquids or accelerants of any kind is prohibited;
- d) Open air burnings shall be confined to an area no larger than (1) metre wide by (1) metre long in size;
- e) The dimensions of the fuel being burnt shall not be greater than (1) cubic metre in total;
- f) The maximum number of fires authorized at any given property shall be limited to two (2); open air burning shall be conducted in such a manner as to preclude the escape from the fire of combustible solids, such as sparks and ash;
- g) Open air burning shall be confined to a location that provides for a minimum distance of twelve (12) metres in all directions from adjacent properties;
- h) Open air burning shall be confined to an area that is a minimum of twelve (12) metres from any combustible structures or combustible items (i.e trees, fences, lumber, etc);
- i) An effective extinguishing agent of sufficient size and with the capability of extinguishing the fire shall be at the site of the burning and immediately available for use;
- j) Open air burnings shall be attended, controlled and supervised at all times and shall be completely;
- k) Extinguished before the open air burn site is vacated; and;

l) The owner, occupant or permit holder must take steps to ensure that the adjacent properties are protected and that the by products of open air burning do not have negative impact on persons, pets or the environments.

Recreational Fires – Requires approval by the Chief Fire Official or designate. Site visits will be conducted and smoke alarms tested to ensure that they are functional prior to the issuing of the permit. The following regulations shall apply with respect to recreational fires:

- a) No materials other than commercially produced charcoal, briquettes or clean, dry seasoned wood may be burned;
- b) Recreational fire pits shall be no larger than two (2) feet (61 centimetres) by two (2) (61 centimetres) in size by eighteen (18) inches (45 centimetres) in height;
- c) When a commercial, non combustible appliance is authorized and used for a recreational fire, a non combustible base must be placed under the appliance to prevent any heat/fire transfer to the base material;
- d) The dimension of the fuel being burnt shall not be greater than the size of the container or fire pit and shall be totally confined within the container or pit at all times;
- e) A recreational fire pit shall be confined to a location that provides for a minimum distance of three (3) metres from adjacent properties;
- f) Recreational fires shall be confined to an area that is a minimum of three (3) metres from combustible structures or objects in all direction, including overhead. Commercially non combustible appliances and/or fabricated appliances may reduce clearances with utilization of non combustible material;
- g) An effective extinguishing agent of sufficient size and with the capability of extinguishing the fire shall be at the site of the burning and be immediately available for use;
- h) Recreational fires shall be attended, controlled and supervised at all times and shall completely extinguished before the fire site is vacated.

Open Air Burning and Recreational Burning Permits Applications can be obtained at the Town of Petawawa Office located at 1111 Victoria Street or on the Town's web-site under Protective Services.

Information for new home owners

New home owners are reminded that they must apply for a permit in their own name. If you move into a house where a recreational pit or appliance is already there, you must apply for the permit in your own name.

Heavy Extrication Training

By: Fire Chief Steve Knott

In this past year, Town of Petawawa Fire Department conducted specialized heavy extrication training under the direction of instructor Mr. Ken Jones, a retired Advisor for the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office.

Internationally recognized in the field of vehicle extrication, Ken was heavily involved in extrication competitions/symposiums sanctioned by the International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC) Transportation Emergency Committee (TERC) and special training

sessions in locations stretching from Alaska and British Columbia to South Carolina, Florida, New Brunswick and even the United Kingdom.

During the three days of training Ken covered New Vehicle Technology (NVT) and practical scenario-based extrication training including special emphasis on the Rescue-Jack Stabilization System recently purchased by the Town's Fire Department.

In addition a school bus was brought on site as a teaching aid which proved to be extremely informative.





About the Police Services Board

By: Councillor Treena Lemay, Chair

Every Ontario municipality that has a police service is required to have a Police Services Board.

In Petawawa, our Police Services Board is an autonomous body whose mandate is to monitor the contract signed by the Town and the OPP to ensure that adequate police services are being provided in an appropriate manner.

The Board size for a town of Petawawa's population is set at a maximum of 3 persons by the Police Services Act. The Council representative is Councillor Treena Lemay, the provincial appointee is Don Boire and the municipal representative is Pauline Wilson.

The Board Members and the Detachment Commander urge you to call anytime to report a crime or an occurrence. You can contact the OPP 24 hours a day by phone at 1-888-310-1122 or of course by dialing 9-1-1 in an emergency. The detachment office is located at 1913 Petawawa Boulevard and the phone number is 613-735-0188.

Interesting facts from 2011:

- 11,272.25 - the number of hours spent by OPP officers investigating issues
- 5,998 - the number of hours spent on patrol by OPP officers within the Town (an increase of 1,047 from the year before)
- 2,659 - the number of calls for service made to the Detachment by Petawawa residents. This is equivalent to an average of almost 8 calls per day, 365 days of the year.
- 184 - the number of RIDE programs to detect impaired drivers conducted in the Town (18 of these made possible by special grants solicited by the Board from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services)
- 145 - the number of reported instances of false alarms (an increase of 45 from 2010)
- 94 - the number of complaints called in related to traffic

Crime Prevention: A Year Round Theme

The officers at the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the OPP would like to remind you to think about crime prevention year round, whether it involves your vehicle, residence, business or cottage/hunt camps.

- Are your unattended vehicles always locked up, especially at night?
- Have you removed the valuables or placed them out of site?
- When you're planning to be away, do you arrange to keep the grass cut in the summer, and the yard snow plowed in the winter? Will someone pick up your mail?
- If you have property such as bicycles, boats, ATV's and snowmobiles, do you keep them out of site or secured?
- Are your garage doors kept closed so passing motorists do not see your valuables?
- Do you have any tools lying around that could assist the criminals in breaking into or damaging your property?
- How about the locks on your windows, doors, and garages - do they work?
- Criminals do not like to work in places that they could easily be seen. Is your outside lighting, both front and back in place and working?



New Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre (PCFHC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Paul Hoban to the position of Executive Director, effective March 1, 2012. Mr. Hoban has

worked in the health care industry in Ottawa for the past 6 years and has 12 years not-for-profit organizational experience. Commenting on his appointment, Mr. Hoban said "It is an honour and a privilege to be selected as the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre's Executive Director. Looking to the future, I see tremendous opportunity and growth for the PCFHC." The Board of Directors and the Town of Petawawa would like to officially welcome Paul to his new position and to becoming a part of the community.

Three New Doctors

Since the last edition of the Petawawa Town Times, the PCFHC has successfully recruited three new physicians. Our first new physician will start in May 2012, our second

Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre

new physician will start August 2012, and our third new physician will start in September 2012. Our three new physicians will roster new patients through the Upper Ottawa Valley Medical Recruitment Committee and Health Care Connect - Community Care Access Centre (Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care). Those residents of Petawawa that do not have a family physician and have not yet contacted one or both of these organizations should do so as soon as possible. This can be done online or by phoning both organizations. This is one additional way the Board of Directors of the PCFHC, the Town of Petawawa, and the Province of Ontario can get an idea of how many residents within the catchment area are still without a Health Care provider and will allow us to better plan for the future.

As the PCFHC continues to grow and mature, they strive to provide additional services. In March, the centre introduced an exciting new health care program for patients of the PCFHC. Patients will no longer need to travel to Ottawa for the identification of a skin lesion (possible skin cancer), as the centre is now able to take a high resolution digital picture and send it to a dermatologist in Ottawa via Telehealth Ontario - Store Forward for examination. This should reduce waiting times from four months to two weeks. Along with Electronic Medical Records and a new Access scheduling program, the health centre continues to stay on the leading edge in providing the best health care to Petawawa residents.

News from the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee

By: Ilene Lemke

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005 is the first law of its kind in Canada. This makes Ontario the first jurisdiction to develop mandatory accessibility standards for important areas of daily living, and to have Ontario completely accessible by 2025. The Act will ensure that public services and facilities are accessible to everyone. By implementing the Act, we are breaking down barriers faced by people with disabilities. A barrier is anything that prevents a person with a disability from fully participating in all aspects of society.

Disabilities impact the lives of many Ontarians and it should be noted that the number of people with disabilities is increasing. One in seven people in Ontario have a disability. It is estimated that in twenty years, the number will rise, and as the population ages, the number will increase. The AODA adopts its definition of "disability" from the Ontario Human Rights Code which

broadly defines disability to include: physical, mental, intellectual, learning and injuries. Disabilities may be visible (physical) or hidden (vision, hearing, speech).

The AODA is broken down into five standards. The first standard is customer service and it came into force on January 1, 2008. The dates for compliance are as follows: January 1, 2010 for designated public sector organizations, such as municipalities and January 1, 2012 for all other businesses and organizations covered by the standard. The four remaining standards are being developed.

Accessible customer service is not only about ramps or automatic doors, it is also about understanding that people with disabilities may have different needs. The AODA has established policies, practices and procedures for providing goods or services with independence, dignity, integration and equal opportunity to people with disabilities.

The Petawawa Accessibility



Advisory

Committee was created in response to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The role of the committee is to advise and help Petawawa Town Council carry out its responsibilities under the Act. Each year, an Accessibility Work Plan, prepared by the committee, is presented to Council for their approval and implementation, keeping in mind that the main purpose is to achieve the Provincial goal of accessibility by 2025. This will ensure that people with disabilities will experience complete barrier free access to all public services in the Town of Petawawa in accordance with the AODA.

The Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee welcomes your suggestions and comments. A full listing of committee members can be found on the Town of Petawawa website at www.petawawa.ca.

RANDA TESCHNER - Local member of the Canadian National Ski Team

By: Randa Teschner

Skiing has always been my dream and this season has been a huge stepping stone towards my goal of the Canadian National Team. Qualifying for the World Junior Championships was one of the greatest moments of my life. It's still so surreal to me. It was an amazing experience. I got to travel down to Roccarasso, Italy to compete. I was 29th in the slalom (pictured below) and 55th in the Giant Slalom in a field of about 110 girls. I'm happy with my results. I think I could have done better if the conditions were more ideal, but the weather was too warm and the snow just melted. Overall it was an awesome learning experience!

Some other highlights of my season so far are: 17th in Slalom at Panorama BC- Nor Am Cup, 17th and 18th in Giant Slalom at Vail, Colorado Nor Am Cup, 10th (1st junior) and 12th in Slalom at Vail, Colorado Nor Am Cup, 5th and 3rd in Giant Slalom at Bromont, Quebec, and 3rd in Slalom at Bromont, Quebec.

This sport takes a lot of hard work and dedication.

If I'm not racing or training, then I'm in the gym working at

keeping my strength up. I'm grateful for my parents, family, friends and the community of Petawawa for all their support in helping me achieve my dream. A big thanks to everyone, I couldn't have done it without you!

Petawawa Council Recognizes Outstanding Students



2011 marked the 7th year for Petawawa's Outstanding Student Citizenship Awards. In a ceremony held on June 20th, Council recognized local Petawawa high school students with a bursary and medallion for their leadership and community contributions. Beverley Bimm, Coordinator of the program, solicited principals and guidance councilors to nominate deserving students. The award presentation was held at a Council meeting in front of family and friends. According to Councillor Murray Rutz, "The student award program sponsored by the Town of Petawawa is always inspiring for me, as we recognize the achievements and goals of our talented youth here in our community". This year's winners were Heather Griffin, Kelsey Spilchen, Nicolette Gignac, Bryan Neigel, Marie Lemelin, Dana Zaumseil, and Matt Schroeder.

Heat Stroke Prevention Tips for Cats and Dogs

Working up a good sweat in the hot summer months may be good for you, but it can lead to heat stroke in your pet and kill your pet in a matter of minutes. Heat stroke is a dangerous condition that takes the lives of many animals every year. Your pet's normal body temperature is 99.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. If it rises to 105 or 106 degrees, the pet is at risk for developing heat exhaustion. If the body temperature rises to 107 degrees, your pet has entered the dangerous zone of heat stroke. With heat stroke, irreversible damage and death can occur.

Heat stroke is a condition arising from extremely high body temperature, which leads to nervous system abnormalities (such as lethargy, weakness, collapse or coma).

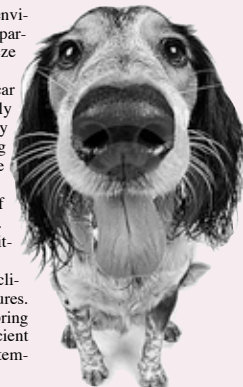
Abnormally high body temperature develops after increased muscular activity with impaired ability to give off heat due to high heat and humidity or respiratory obstruction. Heat related illnesses, including heat stroke, heat exhaustion and heat cramps can occur after exposure to extremely high environmental temperatures. These illnesses occur in all mammals and can be prevented by taking proper precautions.

Keep these tips in mind:

- Monitor outdoor temperature and minimize your pets activity on hot, humid days
- Remove the pet from the hot area immediately
- Limit sun exposure during the hours of 11 AM to 3 PM on hot days
- Walk or exercise your pet in the

morning or evening

- Keep your pet in a comfortable environment (air conditioned room or partially open windows with a breeze during extremely hot weather)
- NEVER leave your pet in a car (even with the windows partially rolled down) for any reason at any time. Leaving pets in a car during warm weather is the leading cause of heat stroke
- Provide your pet with plenty of fresh water and plenty of shade. Take extra care with puppies and kittens
- If possible, allow your pet to acclimate gradually to high temperatures. Heat illness is common in the spring when the animal has not had sufficient time to acclimate to the warmer temperatures.



By-Law Enforcement REMINDERS

PARKING

No person shall park a vehicle within the municipality:

- within 10 metres of an intersection;
- on or over any sidewalk, path or trail;
- within 3 metres of a fire hydrant;
- in any signed, reserved parking area or any no parking or no stopping zone.

The parking lot at the boat launch at the Petawawa Point is reserved exclusively for vehicles towing boat trailers or vehicles belonging to Island residents. All others will be ticketed and fined.

WATER USE

Regulations for water use are year round.

Lawn watering:

- Even numbered addresses on even numbered days.
- Odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days.
- 6:00 to 9:00 am and 6:00 to 9:00 pm on your assigned day.
- New sod/grass seed – 14 days daily watering – contact Town Hall for authorization.

POOLS

- You cannot fill any swimming pool from a residential faucet. For filling swimming pools, contact Public Works for details. For further or complete details you can request a copy of By-law 293/04 from the Town office.

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