



## PETAWAWA

D Y N A M I C B Y N A T U R E

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the 2014 Edition of the Town Times. I hope you will find this publication useful in learning all about what the Town of Petawawa has to offer you and how you can become involved in your 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 its final year of its four year term, we have some very exciting accomplishments to be proud of. The Library and the Civic Centre continue to be the central location for many community recreational, social, and cultural activities. In 2013 we saw the installation of the first ever Book Tree in Canada. We also celebrated the grand openings of our new Bike Park and Splash Pad. The Town's Economic Development Department conducted a successful "I Love Petawawa" campaign and Visitor Information Centre (VIC) pilot project. The VIC received a score of 98% through the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization mystery shop program.

In 2013 the municipal tax rate was reduced by 0.22% and the Town of Petawawa achieved the

lowest tax rate in all of Renfrew County. Water and sewer rates, which are strictly user-pay, are also some of the lowest around. Council budgeted \$3.6 million for infrastructure projects in 2013. Some of these projects included: Victoria Street Phase 2 reconstruction, Herman Street Phase 2 reconstruction, Plum Tree Lane rehabilitation, and various sidewalk construction projects as well as design work for future road construction projects. Council extends our collective appreciation for the patience and understanding of those residents most significantly affected by the inconveniences of these construction projects.

Council supported a great variety of initiatives in terms of both residential and commercial development in 2013 including the issuance of 314 building permits with a value of over \$25 million; total property assessment now exceeds \$1.4 billion. In 2014 we anticipate the completion of several commercial developments including the Northern Credit Union, Rona Hardware, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, and a large automotive and service delivery facility. Regarding residential development, construction continues within four active subdivisions and the Town anticipates the development of two 18 unit condominium buildings and one 30 unit apartment building to be known as "The Residences of Riverstone" at the corner of Civic Centre Road and Highland Park Drive.



*(Front row left to right) Councillor Theresa Sabourin, Mayor Bob Sweet, Councillor Treena Lemay, (back row left to right) CAO/Clerk Mitchell Stillman, Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns, Councillor James Carmody, Councillor Frank Cirella, Councillor Murray Rutz, Treasurer/Deputy CAO Daniel Scissons.*

Through the use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and our municipal website, we continue to keep our residents and visitors alike up-to-date on current events within our municipality. I encourage you to "follow us" and take in some of our special events planned throughout the year. As always, if you have a question regarding municipal government, please feel free to call the municipal office at 613-687-5536.

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

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#### MEETING SCHEDULE

- Council Meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.
- Council-in-Committee Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.
- Agenda coverpages are posted online at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca) on the Thursday prior to the scheduled meeting. To receive a full agenda package contact the Deputy Clerk at 613-687-5536.

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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## Message from Commander 4th Canadian Division Support Group/4th Canadian Division Support Base Petawawa

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS & WEBSITES

Town of Petawawa.....	613-687-5536
<a href="http://www.petawawa.ca">www.petawawa.ca</a>	
Public Works.....	613-687-2692
(emergency after hours).....	613-732-3525
Petawawa Fire Department Station 2 (non-emergency).....	613-687-4759
Civic Centre.....	613-687-5678
Library.....	613-687-2227
<a href="http://www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca">www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca</a>	
Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA).....	613-687-2141
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP dispatch).....	888-310-1122
Upper Ottawa Valley OPP (admin. only).....	613-735-0188
<a href="http://www.opp.ca">www.opp.ca</a>	
Garrison Petawawa.....	613-687-5511
<a href="http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/cfb-petawawa/index.page">www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/cfb-petawawa/index.page</a>	
County of Renfrew.....	613-735-7288
<a href="http://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca">www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca</a>	
Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre.....	613-735-7537
<a href="http://www.ovwrc.com">www.ovwrc.com</a>	
Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre.....	613-687-7641
<a href="http://www.pcfhc.ca">www.pcfhc.ca</a>	
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
<a href="http://www.rcdhu.com">www.rcdhu.com</a>	
Health Cards .....	888-376-5197
<a href="http://www.health.gov.on.ca">www.health.gov.on.ca</a>	
Service Ontario.....	800-267-8097
<a href="http://www.serviceontario.ca">www.serviceontario.ca</a>	
Service Canada.....	800-622-6232
<a href="http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca">www.servicecanada.gc.ca</a>	
Cheryl Gallant, MP.....	613-732-4404
<a href="http://www.cherylgallant.com">www.cherylgallant.com</a>	
John Yakabuski, MPP.....	613-735-6627
<a href="http://www.johnyakabuski.com">www.johnyakabuski.com</a>	
MTO - Road Conditions.....	511 or
<a href="http://www.mto.gov.on.ca">www.mto.gov.on.ca</a>	800-268-4686
Pembroke Regional Hospital.....	613-732-2811
<a href="http://www.pemreghos.org">www.pemreghos.org</a>	
Deep River District Hospital.....	613-584-3333
<a href="http://www.drhdh.org">www.drhdh.org</a>	
Telehealth Ontario.....	866-797-0000

As the 4th Canadian Division Support Group (4 CDSG) Commander and Commander of 4th Canadian Division Support Base Petawawa (4 CDSB) Petawawa, I am very proud of the relationship the community and Garrison Petawawa have established over the years.

The mission of 4 CDSG is to provide garrison-based institutional support to all Army Formations within Ontario, be they deployed in Canada or abroad, and support all lodger units housed in our assigned area of responsibility. 4 CDSB Petawawa is a large part of that responsibility as it is the largest Garrison in Ontario with dozens of lodger units, including the many units of 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (2 CMBG), Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR), 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron (427 SOAS), 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron (450 THS) and many other lodger units and sub-units.

As the Commander of 4 CDSG responsible for this large Garrison, I am not only interested, but greatly care about the more than 6,000 troops, 900 civilians and their families who reside here. Quality of life is an important part of one's success and we know that we have the support of our local communities.

Having the facilities and programs available to keep our soldiers and their families healthy and happy is a priority for us. Garrison Petawawa has some of the finest recreational facilities available across

Canada and having the added ability to share these services with the community at large is an added bonus. Likewise, our soldiers and their families enjoy the programs and services which exist in our neighbouring communities and we are grateful for the strong relationships which have developed. It is our intent that these partnerships which have developed over the years with our neighbouring communities will remain a priority as we move forward.

Garrison Petawawa has undergone changes over the past year and a half as part of Army restructuring across Canada. This has resulted in the creation of the following Units and Branches under my Command at Garrison Petawawa.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dan Blanc is the Commanding Officer (CO) of 4 CDSB Petawawa Personnel Services which is responsible for the coordination and management of the retail and grocery CANEX stores, the Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre, the Garrison Petawawa Museum and civilian and military human resources and services such as accommodations, food and support programs.

Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Henderson is the CO of 4 CDSB Petawawa Operations Services (Ops Svcs) which deals with the day to day operations and planning for 4 CDSB dependencies including facilities such as Dundonald Hall, Silver Dart Arena, Jubilee Lodge and the Petawawa Golf Club. 4 CDSB Petawawa Ops Svcs is also re-

sponsible for oversight of the Garrison Fire Hall, Personnel Support Programs, Military Police and the Ranges.

Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Corriveau is the CO of 4 CDSB Petawawa Technical Services which plans and coordinates the provision of Garrison-based functions such as transportation, supply, maintenance and movement services (through 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group 2 Service Battalion).

Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Crane is the CO of 4 CDSB Petawawa Engineer Services which is responsible for the maintenance and management of Real Property.

Major Simon Llewellyn is the CO of 4 CDSG Signals Squadron which provides communications and information support services.

Lieutenant-Colonel Louis Lapointe is the Deputy Commander of 4 CDSG and 4 CDSB Petawawa and is re-



sponsible through his branch heads for Corporate, Safety, and Environment Services.

**Colonel Kerry Horlock**  
 Commander 4th Canadian Division Support Group  
 4th Canadian Division Support Base Petawawa  
 Commander



## Town of Petawawa Burning By-law

With the warm weather approaching at some point in time this year, 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. Charges will be laid.

**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 is not allowed from June 1 to September 30 inclusive.

**RECREATIONAL FIRES** – Requires approval by the Chief Fire Official or designate. Site visits will be conducted and smoke alarms will be tested to ensure that they are functional prior to the issuing of the permit.

Open Air Burning and Recreational Burning Permit Applications, as well as a copy of By-law 294/04, can either be obtained at The Town of Petawawa Office located at 1111 Victoria Street or on the Town Website ([www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca)) under Protective Services. If you have any questions or require further clarification please contact Fire Chief Steve Knott at (613) 687-5536 extension 2015 or email [sknott@petawawa.ca](mailto:sknott@petawawa.ca).



### TOWN TIMES EDITORS:

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

Once again, the Town Times is produced with the exceptional assistance 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 or you may view the Town Times on our website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca).





# REFLECTIONS OF A RETIRING CAO

By Mitch Stillman

This will be my last contribution to the Petawawa Town Times as I am scheduled to retire at the end of June after 35 years in the municipal administration business. Over that time I have made some observations and formed opinions which may be of interest and I would like to share them with you.

The CAO walks a fine line between the staff and Council. As the senior administrator in the municipality, you have ultimate responsibility for all staff functions. You deal with hiring, performance reviews, human resources matters and the like, while trying to make a productive team work environment. At the same time, you are responsible to Council for providing advice and guidance, policy directions and initiatives, and technical, legal and financial input. It is a real balancing act and at times things are coming from all directions.

I am very proud of the employees of the Town and the work that they do. I have been around long enough that I have had a hand in the hiring of almost everyone that works at the Town. These people are very

dedicated to their work and to serving you and I wish to offer my compliments to them all.

As for elected officials, I have the deepest respect for what they do. Why would you put your name forward to become an elected official? It sure is not for the glory. As an elected official and leader in the community you receive complaints, are often criticized, and there is little positive recognition. These dedicated people are true leaders who volunteer to put up with these working conditions and many long hours for very little in compensation, to work for the good of the community.

I was advised by a wise old politician, when I started this work, to be prepared to deal with a lot of negativity. There will be complaints to deal with, public delegations on controversial projects, legal challenges and human resources issues. Very seldom does the municipality receive a compliment on the services it provides or the work that it is doing on behalf of the constituents. Despite these perceptions it is the occasional act of kindness or thanks for a job well done that means so much

to our employees and keeps them going. Please consider this next time you pick up the phone or come to the counter at the municipal office.

There is always some humour to fall back on. I can recall examples of blunders that were pretty funny. A man, who provided animal control services in the town, once applied for a minor variance to build "log splitters" in his barn. A typo error in the newspaper ad said he wanted to build "dog splitters". Given the nature of his business this was the worst possible mistake. Another time I advertised for a "Small Animal Control Officer" and a gentleman phoned me and asked "How big does he have to be?". We always try to be accurate in our work but Murphy's Law does some time prevail.

The municipal business has changed a lot over my career and the behavior of people in general has changed. Today people seem to have lost respect for government and question its every move. We can see this federally and provincially and by extension it also falls on municipalities. With social media and electronic communications people are more apt



Town of Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet (middle) announces Dan Scissons (right), Treasurer/Deputy CAO will succeed Mitch Stillman, (left) current Chief Administrative Officer when he retires on June 30, 2014. (Cyndi Mills, Petawawa Post)

to fire off a quick email than in the days when they would have taken more time to consider the situation and write a formal letter. I am not saying this is good or bad but it certainly is a lot

different.

I wish to conclude by once again thanking Council and staff and you our constituents for all the support that you have given me over the years

in Petawawa. I think there have been a lot of positive accomplishments in the community to be very proud of and I have enjoyed my involvement in working for you.

## INTRODUCING...



### CHICO TRACLET Assistant Deputy Chief - Training

The Town of Petawawa and Fire Chief Steve Knott are pleased to announce the appointment of Assistant Deputy Chief - Training, Chico Traclet effective 1 September 2013.

ADC Traclet brings over 36 years of Military Logistics experience from his service in the Canadian Armed Forces as well as 14 years with Fire and Emergency Services. A/Deputy Chief Traclet started his firefighter career with Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services in 1999 and joined the Town Fire Department in 2003.

"As Firefighters we face many challenges. In order to meet these challenges it is incumbent upon us to remain current in an ever

changing and exciting profession. Continued training and education will not only help our personnel work safely and proficiently, but will also ensure that the highest level of service is provided to all residents of Petawawa. I am confident that Assistant Deputy Chief Traclet will build on past successes to ensure the high level of competence in our department is maintained. His extensive knowledge, passion and high degree of enthusiasm for "training as if it was the real thing" has brought realism and very challenging training sessions which have helped increase the competence and confidence of our junior and experienced firefighters alike. With the current transition in Ontario from the Ontario Firefighter Curriculum to the National Fire Protection Association training standard, our Fire Department is well positioned to implement these changes under the leadership of Assistant Deputy Chief Traclet," stated Chief Knott.



### SHALLAN DAMENT Recreation Program Assistant

Shallan Dament joined the Town of Petawawa on September 3, 2013. She brings oodles of energy and enthusiasm to the department, with her outgoing personality. She is no stranger to program and event planning, as her recent work experience was the Program Manager at The Boys and Girls Club of Pembroke. She has a passion for making a positive difference in the community. She is very excited to be part of all the new and wonderful things the Parks and Recreation Department has in store.

Shallan fell in love with the outdoors at a young age, spending most of her time perusing outdoor recreation opportunities. She enhanced her skills by studying Recreation and Leisure Services at both Canadore College and Brock University. She loves being around people, so on her "free time" she is volunteering or outside with family and friends! Like any other "Valley Girl" she is not afraid to work hard and get her hands dirty. Shallan's ultimate goal is to develop recreation opportunities for all of Petawawa's residents!

### ROBERT GALLANT Operator/Labourer

Robert Gallant joined the Public Works Department as an Operator/Labourer on November 1, 2013. Born in Prince Edward Island, Rob's father was in the Armed Forces and was posted to Petawawa in 1985, eventually retiring in the area. Rob resides in Pembroke with his wife and two daughters. His hobbies include fishing, hunting and the cottage life at Lake Clear during the summer months.

Rob brings 15 years trucking experience to the department, as well as experience operating numerous types of equipment. Rob's skill set is a definite asset to the Public Works Department, whether it be sharing knowledge and experiences or learning new skills with co-workers.

Welcome to the Public Works Department, Robert!!!





# Petawawa Heritage Village



Submitted by Ann McIntyre, President

During the 2013 season the Petawawa Heritage Village (PHV) received our tourist destination certification in addition to accomplishing many of our goals. Thanks to our partnership with Allied Concrete Products, CH Concrete, RGT

Clouthier Construction, 2 CER and the Town of Petawawa we now have a new accessible washroom facility, and new fencing and landscaping was completed at the front of the property. We also published and distributed PHS/V information material to increase our membership;

however, it fell a little short of our expectations. But on the brighter side, because of that distribution we gained some new volunteers.

Our Monday morning work crew always amazes me with what they are able to accomplish, and this past year was no exception. The volunteer leader, Jim Morden, did a superb job. With our blacksmith away most of the season I was a little worried, but Tim Crowder took over that post while Aaron Postlethwaite, one of our youth volunteers, stepped in as the apprentice. Speaking of youth volunteers, a number of young people participate in our Youth Outreach Program which provides teens between the ages of 12-15 with a valued role as a volunteer in the community. They may be called upon to assist with tours, first person and interpretive programming, as well as other miscellaneous jobs. These youth provide our community with many hours and they take great

pride in what they accomplish; they are a huge asset for the Village.

We are proud of our strong link with the Regional Tourist Organizations (RTO's), Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) and Ontario Highland Tourist Organization (OHTO). We have also expanded our partnerships to include Canadian Heritage Ottawa Organization (CHOO/COPO) as well as Travel Ontario. The advertising and promotion that we receive from these organizations helps us to increase our tourism presence within the Ottawa Valley and Renfrew County.

With the new Incorporation Legislation for Ontario we have had to rewrite our constitution and by-laws as well as design a new organizational chart. Thanks to the many hours that Paul Ballantyne provided, this was completed and presented by him at our AGM meeting in November 2013 when they



The Blacksmith Shop, Petawawa Heritage Village

were approved.

During 2013 we hosted two new events "WELCOME TO PETAWAWA" on September 28th 2013 and "Artists in the Park & Children's Art Workshop" in July; both of which were well received by the community. We plan on hosting these again in 2014 and also bring in a new pre-school program. This year we will be launching our 2014-15 Marketing Plan as well as kicking off fund raising for a Pioneer Church, and erecting an expansion to the en-

gine shop and the logging display. Tourist packaging has been completed and ready to be marketed as well as plans for the 150th Anniversary of Petawawa in 2015.

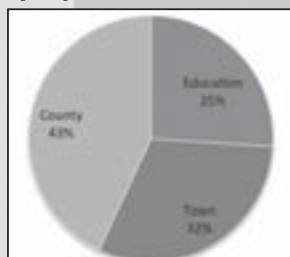
To discover more about the Petawawa Heritage Village follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and our web site [www.petawawa-heritagevillage.com](http://www.petawawa-heritagevillage.com).

Remember "Once Seen Never Forgotten" - The Petawawa Heritage Village - located in your own Backyard.

## Tax Notes

Where do your tax dollars go?  
Town of Petawawa 2013 Residential Property Tax Bill

### PERCENTAGE OF TAX DOLLARS



- Residential taxes for the year are paid in three instalments at the end 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.



The Pembroke and Area Airport was again a hub of activity in 2013. In celebrating its 45th anniversary, the airport hosted Aviation Day with free flights for kids - sponsored by the Airport Commission and with time and aircraft donated by local pilots. 78 children took part in the flights with a waiting list of 25. Many asked if the event could become an annual one, and the Airport plans to offer the same type of event in 2014.

The Airport also hosted one of 12 Women in Aviation events in Ontario. Lesley Page, head of the Women in Aviation organization, attended the event and spoke to a group of women pilots, air cadets and interested people about the experiences of women in a variety of aviation roles.

In addition to the events held at the facility, a good deal of business continues to be happening.

The airport supported nearly 5,000 aircraft movements in 2013, including private flights for business and tourism. The airport continued to be a key location for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (firefighting, moose tracking and more), the Ontario Provincial Police (drug surveillance) and the Ontario

Ministry of Health (Medevac flights and supporting the Deep River, Pembroke and Barry's Bay hospitals).

The largest user of the Airport is the Canadian Armed Forces and they have increased their time at the facility in 2013. The Airport hosted regular training exercises as well as regular Hercules aircraft flights and some VIP air transport. Parachuting and flight training are common occurrences at the Airport.

Flight training continues to be offered locally and qualifications for military, recreational and commercial licenses are available.

A key question for many people is the opportunity to have scheduled passenger

service return to the Airport. The Airport is currently in discussion with three carriers who are putting together business plans on providing service to Toronto. The Airport is working diligently to help facilitate this service in order to increase the opportunities for local business and pleasure air travel in our region. Having a one-hour connection to Toronto would be helpful to many businesses and individuals locally.

Finally, the Airport is actively working to develop land opportunities which will bring more business to the Town of Petawawa and the Upper Ottawa Valley. Further developments are promoted on Facebook and the Airport's website: [www.flycyta.ca](http://www.flycyta.ca).



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# Welcome to the GPA! Tourism in the Greater Petawawa Area

Submitted by  
**Cyndy Phillips McCann**  
Economic Development Officer

One of the key strategic objectives for the Town of Petawawa is "to become a Centre of excellence in tourism, recreation and culture".

In keeping with this objective the Town has undertaken several targeted tourism exercises over the past year. In 2012, a Tourism Strategic Plan was developed by BrainTrust Marketing Inc.

As a second step, town staff completed a comprehensive asset inventory which looked at all our tourism assets, both in and around the Town of Petawawa.

Once this asset inventory was completed, BrainTrust then worked with the Tourism Destination Development Committee (TDDC) to develop a Tourism Action Plan

moving forward. This has provided staff and the TDDC direction and focused efforts for tourism development in the GPA.

## MOUNTAIN BIKE TOURISM

Mountain Bike Tourism was identified as an area of potential for our community. A mountain bike working group was quickly formed and in short order this group has met several times, put together articles of incorporation as the Greater Petawawa Area Trails Association (GPATA) and outlined a plan for year one of trail development.

## WATER BASED TOURISM

The Hell or High Water festival continues to grow and

this year marks the 6th annual event! Once again the festivities will begin with the Town of Petawawa hosting the Reel Paddling Film Festival on Friday May 9th at the Civic Centre. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door: <https://ticketriver.com/event/9592-reel-paddling-film-festival>. The HOHW events take place May 10th and 11th. For more info visit [www.hohw.ca](http://www.hohw.ca).

On August 9th, 2014 the Town will play host to Stand Up for CHEO, a 5, 12 or 21 km recreational paddle. This can be done on Stand-Up Paddle-

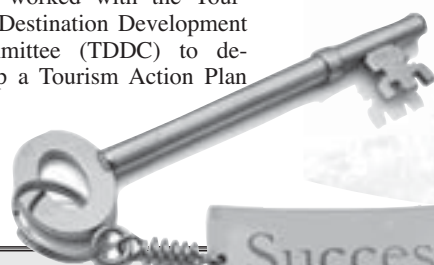
board, Canoe or Kayak. The site for the event is the beautiful Petawawa Point. Watch for more details at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca)

## PETAWAWA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC)

In 2013 the Town operated a pilot VIC in the corridor between the Library and Parks & Rec offices at the Civic Centre. This pilot project proved to be very successful and our Tourism Ambassador Kyle McLaren was an excellent representative for all things Petawawa! Once again we will operate the VIC at this location. It is centrally located, has access to washrooms, plenty of parking, is in close proximity to the Friday Market, the Heritage Village, Petawawa Point, etc.

For info on all events & programs follow us on Twitter @TownofPetawawa; like our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/townofpetawawa>; or browse our website [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca)

## WEAR THE LOVE!



## Here We GROW Again

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

**Coldwell Banker Coburn Realty Brokerage**  
**Cut-Rite Family Hairstyling**  
**Dairy Queen – Ground Breaking**  
**Decor I Adore and Tanning**  
**Domino's Pizza**  
**Dragon Inn Restaurant**  
**Hyundai Pembroke**  
**McKie Pools and Spas & Sears Catalogue Outlet**  
**Mike & Deb's Flooring**  
**Moncion Grocers Petawawa – 30th Anniversary**  
**Northern Credit Union – Ground Breaking**  
**Pizza Hut – Ground Breaking**  
**PMFRC – Lil' Troopers South Day Care Centre**  
**Residences of Riverstone Sales Office**  
**Rona – Ground Breaking**  
**Sunsation Tanning**

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.

## 2014 Municipal Election

### Dawn Recoskie

Deputy Clerk/Assistant Returning Officer

2014 is an election year for all municipalities in Ontario. Voting Day is on **Monday, October 27, 2014**. This is the day that Petawawa residents will elect their Mayor, Councillors and School Board Trustees. We encourage you to participate in the municipal election process as voting is a fundamental right of our democracy and you are also ensuring your support for those candidates who share your vision for your community and who will be representing your interests for the next four years.

### WHO MAY VOTE?

Any person who on Voting Day (Monday, October 27, 2014) meets the following qualifications is eligible to vote:

1. Is a Canadian citizen;
2. Is at least 18 years old on Voting Day;
3. Resides in the municipality or is the owner, tenant, or spouse of the owner or tenant of land;
4. Any person not prohibited, by law, from voting.

Electors (voters) should ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown on the Voters' List. Not sure if you're on the Voters' List? Visit [www.voterlookup.ca](http://www.voterlookup.ca) or call 613-687-5536 and speak with the Returning Officer or designate.

### WHO MAY RUN?

In order to run for municipal council, a candidate must be:

1. A resident of the municipality or a non-resident owner or tenant of land in the municipality or the spouse of such non-resident owner or tenant;
2. A Canadian citizen;
3. At least 18 years old;
4. Not legally prohibited from voting; and
5. Not disqualified by any legislation from holding municipal office.

Candidates have until **2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014** to file nomination papers. For further information on how to be nominated for municipal council and school board trustee positions, please visit [www.petawawa.ca/index.php/2014-municipal-election](http://www.petawawa.ca/index.php/2014-municipal-election) or call the Returning Officer at 613-687-5536.

## 2014

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>APRIL 25TH - 27TH</b> Spring <b>SHOWCASE</b> 	<b>MAY 9TH</b> Reel Paddling Film Festival 	<b>MAY 10TH - 11TH</b> Hell or High Water (Kayaking, Rafting and Dragon Boats)
<b>JUNE 12TH - 15TH</b> Civic Centre Days & Petawawa Endless Summer Ribfest	<b>JUNE 12TH - 15TH</b> Giant Book Sale at the Petawawa Public Library 	<b>JULY 1ST</b> Canada Day 
<b>AUGUST 9TH</b> Stand Up for CHEO 	<b>SEPTEMBER 12TH - 14TH</b> Fall <b>SHOWCASE</b> 	<b>OCTOBER 24TH - 26TH</b> Haunted Library Attraction 
<b>DECEMBER 6TH</b> Christmas Craft Fair 	<b>DECEMBER 13TH</b> Christmas Cheer at the Petawawa Public Library 	<b>DECEMBER 31ST</b> New Years Eve Celebration 

Mark your calendars!





**PETAWAWA**  
DYNAMIC BY NATURE

## RECOGNIZING TOWN STAFF, AND STUDENT SUCCESS



Town of Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet and Fire Chief Steve Knott congratulate Norm Quenneville for 30 years of service with the Petawawa Fire Department. Annually, the Town of Petawawa recognizes its employees for their years of service to our residents. 30 years – Norm Quenneville; 25 years – Mitchell Stillman and Mark Wegner; 20 years – Peter Lapointe and Mark Reinert; 15 years – Phil Smith; 10 years – Simon Brooks, Chico Traclet, Lynn Tweedie, Lynn Vaillancourt, and Andrew Weisenberg; 5 years – Daniel Larcher, Deborah Lynch, and Steven Smith. Terry Behnke was also recognized following his recent retirement from the Public Works Department after 19 years of service. (Photo credit: Lisa Brazeau, Petawawa Post)



The Town of Petawawa handed out its 2013 Outstanding Student Citizenship Awards on Monday, June 17, 2013. Program co-ordinator Bev Bimm (left) joined Mayor Bob Sweet in congratulating recipients (left to right) Erica Glen, Meghan Kolody, Pascale Legault-Talbot, Sam Batemen, Rachel Lockley, Patrick Keels and Adrien Schryer. (Photo credit: Cyndi Mills, Petawawa Post)



**EORN**  
EASTERN ONTARIO  
REGIONAL NETWORK

## Connecting Eastern Ontario to the World

### • Renfrew County Update •

In Renfrew County, a large and sparsely populated county, EORN expanded service by building on the previous Rural Connections broadband project. Sixteen new or improved internet access points were built off the fibre optic backbone in the County. Local access has been built through two zone contracts:

- In the west, expanded wired DSL access was completed by Bell Aliant in

the fall of 2013.

- In the eastern and upper reaches of the County, Bell Aliant expects to complete construction by end of April 2014. Work was delayed by the need to upgrade utility poles to accommodate the new services. Utility repairs resulting from winter storms may continue to slow this work.

In all, 21,815 households will have access to internet speeds of at least

10 Mbps through DSL services, with an additional 12,825 having access to internet speeds in the 6 to 10 Mbps range. The remaining 4,935 households have access to similar speeds through enhanced satellite packages.

#### Business Parks

The County's whitewater rafting attractions draw 60,000 visitors per year. Enhanced business coverage will allow tourism operators to provide improved broadband services to guests. A total of seven business parks or clusters

in Renfrew County will see enhanced fibre optic internet connections from either Bell Aliant or Cogeco.

Bell Aliant will build improved access to:

- Petawawa Industrial Park
- Renfrew Industrial Park
- Highway 41/Highway 17 cluster in the Township of Laurentian Valley
- Barry's Bay Business Park
- Pine Grove Business Park in McNab-Braeside

Cogeco will build improved access to the following Whitewater business areas:

- Grant Settlement Road area
- Greenwood Road area

To read the full project update, please visit the following link: <http://www.eorn.ca/resources/brochures/>

For more information, contact:

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Communications & Stakeholder Relations Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network  
613-925-7010;  
[info@eorn.ca](mailto:info@eorn.ca); [www.eorn.ca](http://www.eorn.ca)



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**PETAWAWA**  
**& RibFest**  
**CIVIC CENTRE DAYS 2014**  
**JUNE 12th to 15th**

**JUNE 12-15, 2014**

Everything comes together from the Midway to Smash Up Derby! Enjoy mouth-watering ribs or take in live country and rock shows featuring tributes to Taylor Swift, Garth Brooks, Pearl Jam and AC/DC.

For more information visit:  
[www.civiccentredays.ca](http://www.civiccentredays.ca)





**PETAWAWA**  
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## THEN, NOW & TOMORROW Celebrating 150 Years of Growth!

Plans are underway for a major milestone celebration! In 2015 the Town of Petawawa will celebrate its 150th anniversary.

The "TNT" (Then, Now & Tomorrow) weekend will take place August 21-23, 2015 and will be centrally located in and around the Petawawa Civic Centre property. A committee has been formed to plan the entire weekend, which will include many events such as a parade, entertainment, demonstrations, vendors & exhibits.

One of the main events will be an old-fashioned street dance party where we can all join as neighbours and celebrate our Town's achievements over the last century and a half. The mili-

tary is sure to play an important role, as is the Petawawa Heritage Society and Village. There will be many volunteering opportunities as we approach the planned festivities so please keep this in mind if you are wondering how you can get involved. Planning is in the early stages yet, but please watch for updates on the planned celebrations! These can be found on our website: [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca), by following us on Twitter: @TownofPetawawa or by liking our Page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/townofpetawawa](http://www.facebook.com/townofpetawawa).

For more information please contact Cyndy Phillips McCann, TNT Communications Coordinator, at 613-687-5536 or by email at [cphillips@petawawa.ca](mailto:cphillips@petawawa.ca).

## PETAWAWA CIVIC CENTRE SPLASHPAD



The summer of 2013 was a significant season at the Petawawa Civic Centre. The summer began with the unveiling of the new Petawawa Civic Centre Bike Park. Immediately following the opening of this new outdoor facility, work began on the Town of Petawawa's first outdoor aquatic facility – the Petawawa Civic Centre Splashpad. The \$250,000 nature-themed water play facility boasts a number of both aboveground and in-ground spray features creating

play areas for children of varying ages.

This new play facility would have not been possible if it were not for the generous contributions from the project partners. The project was funded by sizeable donations from both the Petawawa Rotary Club and the Petawawa Civic Centre Fundraising Committee. Combined with a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and a commitment from Municipal Council for the difference, the facility was con-

structed mid-summer. Assisted by a hot sunny day, the splashpad was opened on August 16th, 2013 with dozens of young children enjoying its various offerings.

The Petawawa Civic Centre Splashpad will open for use on Saturday June 7th, 2014 and be open each day from 10 am to 7 pm.

For more information or questions relating to our new splashpad facility, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 613-687-5678.

## The Construction Yard *Bike Park*

In the summer of 2013, backed by local business and volunteers including a significant contribution from RGT Clouthier Construction Ltd. and Petawawa Town Centre Developments, the Town of Petawawa Parks and Recreation Department constructed "The Construction Yard", a state-of-the-art progression-style bike park. The Petawawa Civic Centre Bike Park offers a new riding experience to off-road cycle enthusiasts from Petawawa and abroad. Designed by Jay Hoots, the park offers varying riding experiences for riders of all ages and abilities. Complete with pump tracks, skills features and a wall ride, the park is a one of a kind in eastern Ontario and western Quebec. Come on out and give it a try!

### Park Etiquette

Bike Park use requires that rider's follow Park "Etiquette" at all times. Please adhere to these standards when enjoying the park.

1. Respect others. Communicate with other park users.
2. Unauthorized jumps and features will be removed – no modifications allowed without prior approval.
3. Check park for debris or hazards before using.
4. Report what you damage.
5. Know your limits – ride safely.
6. Read and understand difficulty ratings posted.



**Know your limits – ride within them!!**

**Ride Safely and Have Fun!**

**For more Bike Park tips and rules of use, please visit [www.guidetooutside.ca](http://www.guidetooutside.ca)**

## PETAWAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Kelly Thompson**  
Acting CEO

Your local library is a busy, vibrant, gathering place filled with resources and services of interest to almost every member of the community. Your Petawawa Public Library card gives you and your family FREE access to:

- Museum passes (including many Ottawa museums)
- Snowshoes
- GPSs
- Bicycles (starting after the snow disappears)
- Bestselling fiction, non-fiction and feature films, and graphic novels
- Online databases dealing with Military & Intelligence, War & Terrorism, Small Engine Repair, Travel (Global Road Warrior), Garden, Landscape & Horticulture, Genealogy and much more – all from the comfort of your home
- Downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks (also accessible from home)

And don't forget all of the Special Events and regular programs, which in 2013 included:

- The Haunted Library attraction
- A Giant Book Sale
- Home is Where the Art Is
- Cooking Classes
- Movie nights
- Lego Club, Tea parties, Summer Reading Camp and a visit from Ronald McDonald
- The introduction of TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

**...and SO much more!!**

Are you an artist, a writer, part of a local community group or organization, a student, a parent, a teen, or a child? Can we do something for you? Do you want to display your work? Run a program? Have questions answered? Want to learn to use your



new e-reader, Skype with your grandchildren, find reliable information online or in print, or just enjoy a fun evening out? Come and see what we have to offer!

Whether you want to socialise, study, learn or play, your local library wants to help you enjoy life to the fullest. Call the library at 613-687-2227; find us on the web ([www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca](http://www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca)), on Facebook, and on Twitter, or come and visit us in person. We look forward to being your refuge from the stresses of the day. Lastly, meetings of the Petawawa Public Library Board are open to the public; the Board meets at the Petawawa Public Library on the fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.





# Petawawa Police Services Board

Our Community, Our Home

By Councillor Treena Lemay, Chair

## PETAWAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD WEBSITE

The Petawawa Police Services Board members invite you to visit our website at [www.petawawapsb.ca](http://www.petawawapsb.ca) – the aim of our site is to provide easily accessible, policing-related information via a user-friendly format. The site contains information on the Board's composition, responsibilities and goals. It provides comparison data on all statistics as well as the minutes of all Board meetings. Year-end reports, safety messages and news are included and updated on a regular basis. We hope that you will have an opportunity to view the site as your time allows. As always Board members welcome any constructive feedback for the site's improvement.

## PPSB MEMBERSHIP

In December 2013 Board member Don Boire

completed his provincial appointment to the Board, serving for eight years. Mr. Boire was recognized for his years of service at the December 10, 2013 Board meeting. The Board is awaiting news of the next provincial appointee from the Provincial Appointments Secretariat in Toronto. Across Ontario, people demonstrate their public service in many ways. Some serve the province by sitting on classified agencies and non-classified entities, such as boards and commissions. Vacancies are advertised online at the following link: <https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/scripts/en/home.asp>.

## OPP CONTRACT

The Town of Petawawa entered into its second 5 year contract in 2010 with the Ontario Provincial Police. Normally the contract would come again to Council for renewal this year; however, the OPP

has placed a "hold" on the renewing of all contracts across the province due to the ongoing discussions on a proposed new process to be used for the billing of services. We want our residents to be reassured that there will be no interruption or cancellation of policing services in the Town of Petawawa. The OPP have and will continue to provide policing services to the Town and all contracted municipalities who wish to receive their services, but will do so without a renewed physical contract at this time.

## UOVOPP STAFF APPOINTMENTS

As a result of the increase in the expansion of policing services, there was a need for additional supervisory category positions at the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment in Petawawa. Following a period of secondments to the position, the Eastern

Region Commander Gary Couture announced that Acting Inspector Jeff Smith, who had been with the Detachment since the summer of 2012, was the successful applicant for the permanent position. The Board was extremely pleased with this news and looks forward to a continuing professional and enjoyable working relationship with Inspector Smith. With the vacancy created by the new category level, the position of Staff Sergeant became available. The Board was pleased to learn that Sergeant Nancy Graves was the successful applicant in that competition and the Board looks forward to continuing its relationship with Staff Sergeant Graves.



(Above left to right) Pauline Wilson, Don Boire, Staff Sergeant Nancy Graves. Petawawa Police Services Board (PPSB) member Pauline Wilson presents Don Boire with a token of appreciation from the PPSB thanking him for his eight years of service as the Provincial Appointee to the PPSB. Also on hand for the presentation was Staff Sergeant Nancy Graves of the Upper Ottawa Valley Ontario Provincial Police Detachment.

# Upper Ottawa Valley OPP

Jeffrey G. Smith

Inspector  
Detachment Commander, Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment



2013 brought significant change to the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment with the amalgamation of the Pembroke Police Service to the Ontario Provincial Police. On July 6, 2013, 22 members of the former Pembroke Police Service were sworn into the Ontario Provincial Police by Commissioner Chris Lewis. Members of Petawawa Council and the Petawawa Police Services Board were in attendance for the memorable event. Members assigned to the Pembroke Detachment continue to work out of the former Pembroke Police Service building and will do so until the new satellite detachment is completed.

2013 saw members of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment actively engaged in traffic initiatives and education aimed at reducing lives lost on our highways, waterways and trails. Other detachment priorities included the reduction of property crime, crime prevention and reducing victimization within the communities we serve.

2014 detachment priorities will include increasing the communities' involvement in Ontario's Community Mobilization and En-

gagement Model; increasing effective communication with our communities, stakeholders, partners and detachment members; continued engagement of foot patrol and bike patrol initiatives; continuing support of victims of crime; and supporting the wellness, ongoing training and development of our members.

As the Detachment Commander I am very confident the men and women of your Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are well positioned to meet the challenges going forth in 2014. It has been a privilege working cooperatively with the Petawawa Council, Petawawa Police Services Board and all our community partners ensuring cost effective, high quality policing our communities have come to expect.



# PETAWAWA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Looking back....and planning ahead!*

Submitted by Theresa Sabourin  
Chairperson, AAC

Looking back over this last year, the Town of Petawawa and its Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) worked diligently to ensure regulations were met and we were responsive to local realities in our goal to move towards enabling an accessible Petawawa. Together we have accomplished the following:

- developed the Policies and Procedures for Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) (information/communications, employment and transportation)
- reviewed and updated the Barrier Free audit checklist for municipal buildings
- conducted accessible parking space usage survey
- conducted public input customer service survey
- attended local trade shows to increase public presence and generate awareness of the committee and issues relating to barriers to an accessible Petawawa
- responded to public concerns regarding barriers in the community

Planning goals for 2014 include:

- developing a multi-year accessible plan for the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation
- reviewing the Design of Public Spaces criteria released in 2013 and identifying requirements for compliance in the short term
- performing site visits of all qualifying municipal buildings and conducting a barrier free audit in conjunction with the established checklist
- conducting a business customer service survey
- responding to feedback relating to barriers in our community
- training on the IASR and Human Rights Code and coordinating accessibility training for municipal staff

A review of the province's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) is currently being undertaken by an appointed group of legal experts to make Ontario accessible for people with disabilities by 2025. Accessibility standards have been established for customer service, information and communications, transportation, employment and the design of public spaces.

The Town of Petawawa is committed to and guided by the four core principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity and supports the full inclusion of persons as set out in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. Together we will strive to meet the Province of Ontario's expectation of an accessible Ontario by 2025.





# Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre



**Submitted by Paul Hoban**  
Executive Director

In 2013 the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre (PCFHC), continued to focus attention on providing the residents of Petawawa with the best possible access to medical care available. We rostered more than 2,300 patients and signed two more doctors for 2014. Dr. Linde Corrigan and Dr. Sonia Fawcett both started their prac-

tice at the PCFHC on April 1, 2014. As well, the Walk-in Clinic had over 2,100 visits on Monday and Thursday evenings. In response to patient requests, the PCFHC will be extending its operating hours on Saturday mornings from 9 am - 12 noon. These extended operating hours will further enhance our patient access to Primary Health Care.

The PCFHC would like to remind those families, who may be moving this year, to notify the centre of your departure so they can make space for new families moving into the community. Please help

us help you, to receive the best care possible, by keeping us informed of your status.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Patient Centred Care, the PCFHC utilizes a clinical appointment booking system that helps the PCFHC better understand the needs of its patients. Available appointments are distributed throughout each provider's daily schedule based on supply and demand, allowing our patients to see their health care provider without delay as every effort is made to provide appointments within 24 hours

of the initial request. The utilization of Advanced Access has resulted in improved patient access to care, office efficiency and patient flow, as well as an increase in patient satisfaction.

The PCFHC continues to offer a number of programs and services for both patients of the Family Health Centre and the general public such as:

- Well Baby Program – New babies are offered a non rostered spot with one of our Nurse Practitioners.
- Breast Feeding Education Program – We offer a breast

feeding educational program for new mothers on the benefits of breast feeding. This program is offered to both patients of PCFHC and to the general public (Thursdays 10 am – 12 noon).

- High School Outreach Program – Our Nurse Practitioners provide Primary Health Care to students of General Panet High School every Wednesday during the school year.

- Smoking Cessation Program – We offer our patients a “quit smoking” program. Medication for this program is offered to Smoking Cessation Program participants free of charge.

- Walk in Clinic – On Monday

and Thursday evenings we offer a Walk in Clinic to Non-Rostered patients of PCFHC.

- Well Women's Clinic – We offer to the general public a Well Women's Clinic on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Friday of each month.

- Seniors Day Program - Along with partner Marianhill.

The Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre is actively recruiting patients. You can become a patient of the PCFHC by simply calling Health Care Connect at 1-800-445-1822 and registering now.

We will continue to move forward with our goal – A Healthier Petawawa.

## SECURITY AND FIRE ALARMS

**Submitted by David Newton**  
By-law Enforcement & Animal Control Officer

### FALSE ALARMS BY-LAWS 549/09 AND 590/09

Every year a significant portion of the Police and Fire budgets are spent responding to false alarms at business and residential locations.

When an alarm activation occurs and the alarm companies cannot get hold of a key holder or person responsible for the building in which the alarm is located, the police or fire department is always dispatched. This pulls the police (usually two cars) from their designated patrol area or fire department personnel from their homes (volunteer department). Once the alarm has been checked and it has been determined that no criminal act or actual fire has occurred, or the respondents have been stood down prior to their arrival, then it is determined who is responsible for the false alarm. Usually this is the building occupant or homeowner.

If the alarm is the result of a false alarm, then the Town would act as the administrator of the by-law and would provide information services as follows:

1. First alarm results in no action by the town;
2. Second alarm results in a letter being sent advising the occupant or homeowner of the first and second alarms, the details of the by-law and a warning that future false alarms will result in service fees being invoiced; and
3. Third and subsequent

alarms will result in service fees in the amount of \$300.00 per false alarm being levied against the occupant or homeowner.

In addition, any invoices not paid in accordance with the by-law shall be added to the property tax levy.

The only time a letter or

an invoice would be sent is when the police or fire department have declared the alarm to be a false alarm. This would include any activations caused by improper opening/closing procedures, faulty installation, improper sensitivity settings, lack of maintenance to the system or to the lo-

cations where sensors have been mounted (spider webs, windows and doors loosen, drafts or water leakage).

To avoid any problems, ensure that the alarm points and units are serviced on a regular basis, kept clean and occupants of the building are aware of the alarms and procedures.

## Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week



The week of November 1st 2014 has been designated as Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week. Designating the calendar week beginning on November 1 as Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week aligns the need to check carbon monoxide detectors and appliances with the end of daylight savings time. Changing the time on clocks and maintaining safety alarms are two necessary tasks that are easy to perform and promote together.

Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer because it is a colourless, odourless and tasteless gas.

Reminding Ontarians of the importance of having functioning carbon monoxide detectors can help save lives. As winter approaches, the impetus to begin using gas fired appliances, such as fireplaces, that can produce lethal carbon monoxide increases. Appliances that are rarely used over the summer months may develop leaks or blockages and cause carbon monoxide to accumulate inside the home. Therefore, it is important to inspect appliances and carbon monoxide detectors when the colder temperatures begin.

### What is the source of carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced by the incomplete combustion of fuels such as natural gas, propane, heating oil, kerosene, coal, charcoal, gasoline and wood. This problem can occur in any device which depends on burning for heat or energy. For example, furnaces, boilers, room heaters, hot water heaters, stoves, grills and any internal combustion engine are included in this list of devices.

### What makes carbon monoxide so dangerous?

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colourless gas which is extremely toxic. When carbon monoxide is inhaled, it produces an effect known as chemical asphyxiation. Injury is due to the combining of CO with hemoglobin in the blood, lowering the blood's oxygen-carrying capacity. Even at very low parts per million levels, the body is quickly affected by oxygen starvation. Exposure during sleep is particularly dangerous because the victim usually does not awaken.

### Plan your escape

Make sure that everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and the carbon monoxide alarm and what to do if the alarms are activated. Create an escape plan with the entire household and practice it. Make sure your plan identifies two ways out of each room, if possible, and a meeting place outside. Once outside, stay outside. Never re-enter a burning building or a building filled with carbon monoxide. Call the fire department from a neighbour's home or cell phone.

For more information, contact:

Clem Paradis, Chief Fire Prevention Officer  
613 687-4759 email: cparadis@petawawa.ca  
Steve Knott, Fire Chief 613 687-4759 email: sknott@petawawa.ca

## Petawawa Community Policing Committee



**Submitted by Don Boire**

The Petawawa Community Policing Committee is a volunteer group of local citizens that has been in existence for 25 years. The Committee has provided assistance to the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police by hosting and organizing information sessions on various topics of interest to citizens and businesses of Petawawa, such as: senior safety, counterfeit detection, theft and fraud prevention, road safety challenge, and seat belt surveys. The Committee's largest event is the annual Bicycle Rodeo which is held at the Civic Centre and is financially and otherwise supported by local businesses, service clubs, and many volunteers who help make this event a huge success year after year. This year the Bicycle Rodeo will take place on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is geared towards children, ages 6 to 13.

The Committee has also adopted Laurentian Drive as part of the County of Renfrew's Adopt a Road Program to remove waste and garbage from the roadway and during the past year held two clean-up days. In 2013 the Committee's efforts were also recognized by the County of Renfrew.

The Petawawa Community Policing Committee is presently composed of a dedicated core group of five volunteers: Don Boire, Charles Collicott, Irwin (Curly) Andrews, Robert Howell, and Kelly Welton. The Town of Petawawa is represented by Councillor Murray Rutz and the Ontario Provincial Police is represented by Constable Beth Ethier. The Committee is actively searching for new members; anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact the Town of Petawawa at 613-687-5536 for further information.





**THE COMMUNITY IS WORKING TOGETHER  
TO WALK LIGHTLY ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Elizabeth Graham**  
Communications Officer  
Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre

The Town of Petawawa is the largest of five Municipal partners in the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC). In 2013, residents and businesses, through the curbside collection program, sent 2,512 tonnes of garbage, 1,399 tonnes of recyclables and 2,125 tonnes of organics to the OVWRC for processing.

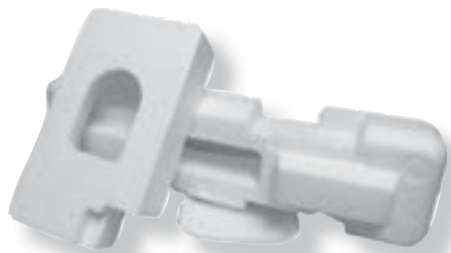
Tom Mohns, Town of Petawawa Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chair of the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board is pleased to see the Community is doing its part to "Walk Lightly on the Environment," but knows there is always room for improvement. "Our Community has residents from all parts of the world who have participated in a wide range of waste management programs. It's important that residents know what is accepted in Petawawa's program. Sorting waste properly makes the overall system more cost effective and efficient."

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre produces an annual collection calendar that outlines everything you need to know about curbside collection. Schedules were mailed out

to residents in March. Copies are also available at the Town of Petawawa Municipal Office, on-line at [www.ovwrc.com](http://www.ovwrc.com) and at various locations throughout the community such as CFHA.

Here are a few other reminders about the local waste management program:

- Styrofoam: Effective April 1st, ONLY White Styrofoam is accepted in recycling. Due to changes in end market specifications only WHITE Styrofoam plates, cups, bowls, take-out containers, rigid packaging and egg cartons are accepted in the yellow bin. Remove all tape, plastic wrap, absorbent pads (discard with garbage) and food. Coloured Styrofoam (i.e. yellow meat tray), Styrofoam insulation, and packing peanuts are regular garbage.



## PETAWAWA SCENTRAL BARK OFF LEASH DOG PARK (WHERE DOGS COME TO PLAY)

## INTRODUCING THE NEW AND SOON TO BE IMPROVED DOG PARK

**Submitted by, David Newton**  
By-law Enforcement & Animal Control Officer

It has been detailed in previous newspapers that Town Council has officially ratified the existence of an off leash dog park in Petawawa located on the grounds of the Petawawa Civic Centre property in an area known as the “Back 40”. The park will be open to anyone who has purchased access to the park and will fall under operational control of a committee reporting to the Parks & Recreation Department. The committee has been formed from four stakeholders and four community residents with a mandate to operate and develop the park for the betterment of the community.

As part of the committee's work, a name for the park, rules of usage and costs have been discussed and agreed upon. The official name of the park is "PETAWAWA SCENTRAL BARK". The rules of the park will be provided for all users and will be posted at the park site. Use of the park will be restricted to those dog owners who have purchased a yearly access tag (\$20.00). Yearly tags will run from April 1st to March 31st of the following year regardless of when pur-

chased and must be with the dog when at the park. The tags will be available through the Town of Petawawa main office or through the Parks and Recreation Department at the Civic Centre. Garrison Petawawa dogs and dogs from other municipalities are welcome to participate.

The park will undergo changes in the coming months, beginning with a permanent fence being put in place, repositioning of the existing access gate, establishment of a small dog enclosure (for those who don't like big dogs) and some landscaping. Many of these initiatives will be ongoing and other ideas will be added as we progress.

The following people/organizations make up the current Committee: Mark Reinert, Parks & Recreation Facilities Supervisor; David Newton, By-law Enforcement & Animal Control Officer; the Ontario SPCA; the Champlain Dog Club; Ursula Matchett; Bailey Clouthier; Barry Schimmens; and Dale Kaechler. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Scentral Bark Dog Park, please contact one of the Committee members by calling the Town Office at 613-687-5536.

- **Recycle Right!:** Not everything is recyclable. Review the sorting guide included in your collection schedule to determine where an item should be disposed of. For example, plastic flower pots and trays are not acceptable for recycling – they must be placed in regular garbage.

- **Bulky Item Collection:** Check your Collection Schedule for your Bulky Item Collection in May. This is for curbside pick-up of large items such as furniture and appliances. Construction and renovation material, including toilets, as well as hazardous and electronic waste and tires ARE NOT accepted for curbside collection.

• **Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre:** Material not accepted as bulky item collection may be brought to the Waste Recovery Centre for disposal (applicable disposal fees apply). We are located in Laurentian Valley at 900 Woi-to Station Road (accessible from B-Line Road or Doran Road). To save time and money during your visit to OVWRC ensure your load is separated properly. Keep all recyclables, scrap metal, construction/renovation waste, hazardous and electronic waste, and tires separate in your load so it's easier to deposit them in the different locations at OVWRC. The Centre (including the Hazardous and Electronic Waste Depot) is open Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.ovwrc.ca](http://www.ovwrc.ca).

ovwrc.com for a complete list of applicable disposal fees and acceptable items.

- **Landscaping & Gardening Products:** The Centre has compost, raw wood mulch that is natural in colour and gypsum, a valuable soil amendment for sale year round. This material is sold in bulk; bring your truck, trailers or containers to purchase these great landscaping and gardening products.

• **Hazardous & Electronic Waste:** Did you know that hazardous waste is much more than paint and propane tanks and that electronic waste is much more than computers and TVs? We take everything from Fluorescent lights (tubes and spiral bulbs), oil, and pesticides to cameras, telephones and CD players. Visit our website for a complete list of items. Residents of Petawawa can bring their hazardous and electronic waste to the Centre year round or utilize the special Environmental Days that are held in Petawawa, Pembroke, and Laurentian Valley. The next one in Petawawa is May 24th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m at the Petawawa Civic Centre.

As you can see, the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre is much more than your yellow bin and green cart. By participating in all our programs you are "Walking Lightly on the Environment," reducing waste and helping extend the life of our local landfill site.

For information 24 hours a day visit [www.ovwrc.com](http://www.ovwrc.com) or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

# Festival Hall

Festival Hall is alive and well and after 18 months of hit shows and performances we look forward to a great 2014. With over 51 productions, a record 16,544 people have been through the doors. THANK YOU PETAWAWA. Festival Hall is your community theatre; a 625 seat theatre that showcases music, dance, theatre, comedy, symphony and festivals. We love to have people from Petawawa come and enjoy and support the arts. We have something for all ages.

This spring and summer is going to be busy. The Pembroke Symphony Orchestra performs LOLBEETHOVEN on April 27th at 2:00 p.m. This show is a combination of symphony and comedy featuring special guest Rick Wharton and friends assisting in the laugh department. So you get great music and comedy at the same time. This will prove to be a great family show.

A huge announcement for you – HOTEL CALIFORNIA – a tribute to The Eagles. This tribute band is known around the world for being the best, next to the real thing; critically acclaimed, even the Doobie Brothers love them. Hotel California's stunning vocals and tremendous musician-

ship will grace the stage  
May 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

In May, come and support the dance troupes: Starz in Motion, Atyeo's Dance Studio, and Michelle's School of Performing Arts,

and view the next up and coming dance stars.

Check us out on our new Facebook page and Twitter account. The Festival Hall Box Office number is 613-735-2182. Thanks for your support PETAWAWA!

**Rick Wharton, Director  
Festival Hall Centre  
for the Arts  
[www.festhall.ca](http://www.festhall.ca)**

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## Microburst 2013 – Municipal Emergency Preparedness and Response

Article prepared by David Unrau

Director of Public Works

and Karen Cronier

Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Friday July 19, 2013 saw a significant storm event travel through the Town of Petawawa. Environment Canada had reported that a cold front was rapidly moving through the area, triggering vicious storms and much of eastern Ontario including the Town of Petawawa was under a tornado watch. At 1:30 pm the summer storm which included high winds and heavy rains swept through the area and within 15 minutes created a path of destruction. Downed trees and fences, widespread power outages and significant damages to numerous residential and commercial buildings was the result.

This event garnered interest from outside agencies and various news outlets, including CTV News, CBC News, various radio stations as well as our local paper contacted the Town for statements and requested interviews with our Mayor. The Community Emergency Management Coordinator provided updates to Emergency Management Ontario and the Town was also contacted by the Red Cross as well as the Salvation Army with offers of assistance. Representatives from Environment Canada toured the Town the following day and Meteorologist Peter Kimball confirmed through his investigation that the storm event was in fact a microburst and not a tornado.

The community response was remarkable with neighbours helping neighbours. Town staff immediately rose to the occasion with the Public Works Department, Town Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation staff all working together. In some cases, staff created detours, provided traffic control, removed downed trees all working in a coordinated effort that stemmed from the Town's Emergency Response Plan.

Quick decisions were made by management to provide curb side collection of waste wood for those people unable to transport the material to the Civic Centre property. The material gathered at the Civic Centre was eventually shredded and later sold to a contractor. The Public Works Department worked with the County of Renfrew whose Forestry Department completed an assessment of the damage to Town property. A report was prepared on how best to proceed with the clean-up. Because of the extent of the damages many parks and municipal lands were closed and their clean-up was left to an external contractor who was hired through a tender process. This contract was completed in December after which the parks were reopened. The cost to the Municipality for the complete clean-up

was in the order of \$230,000.00.

The Town of Petawawa is observing changing weather and climate patterns including stronger winds, longer periods without rain (drought) as well as intense rainfalls. Climatic changes are being seen around the globe and as such staff must ensure that they are informed on weather issues so that they may coordinate with other Municipalities on best practices when dealing with weather related issues. Staff are also involved in receiving updates from various agencies such as the Climate Change Adaptation Community of Practice.

The Emergency Response Plan created by the Town of Petawawa is reviewed on an annual basis and emergency exercises are also conducted on an annual basis to ensure compliance with the Emergency Management

and Civil Protection Act. These exercises provide staff with the opportunity to train and practice their roles as well as allow them to work with equipment and procedures that would be implemented if we were involved in a declared disaster. Residents of the Town are reminded that you too play a role in keeping our community safe. Individuals and families should be prepared to take care of themselves for a minimum of 72 hours in the event of an emergency. For further information on Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Management please see the Town's website, [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca), or access additional information at [www.emergencymanagementontario.ca](http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca).



## Ensuring Community & Neighbourhood quality through Property Standards

As you travel around town you will notice a substantial increase in the commercial and residential developments. With these developments, brings additional emphasis in the area of Property Standards concerns. As you know, the reason for Property Standards By-Law #146/2000 is to better educate and allow you, the homeowner, the opportunity to help ensure quality neighbourhood and community standards. These standards are to assist in creating a safer and cleaner community to reside in as well as to ensure that all properties are maintained to specific standards within our town.

The Town's Property Standards By-law (146/2000) will help property owners understand their responsibilities as residents and will also assist in avoiding consequences for violation of this By-law. The most common Property Standards issue is yards. By-Law 146/2000, section 2.01 (b) states that, "every owner shall ensure his property is maintained in accordance with the provisions of this By-law..." Further information on the By-law can be accessed on our website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca).

Currently, the Town is implementing a new complaint process that will ensure follow-up and accountability to residents, when being addressed. If you are concerned about a local property that may be in violation of the Property Standards By-law, a formal complaint can be filed at the Town Office. Once a complaint is received it is forwarded to the CAO and dependent

on the nature of the complaint, it will then be assigned to the appropriate department for investigation/follow-up. Please note that anonymous complaints are NOT accepted as in rare instances court action may be required, and if this occurs, the complaint documentation cannot be utilized without being signed and dated by the complainant.

### Areas of Concern – Town By-Laws

- Portable Garages – By-law 456/07 Section 3.3.9 – NOT ALLOWED in the Town of Petawawa
- Pools – By-Law 378/06 – any pool that holds more than 18" of water requires a pool permit which also includes the fencing regulations
- Signs – By-law 794/12

### When Building Permits are Required

- Major or minor alterations/repairs to an existing home
- Construction of accessory buildings exceeding 108 sq ft (zoning requirements must still be met, even if the accessory building is under 108 sq ft)
- Major or minor additions to an existing home
- New constructions
- Demolitions
- Pools
- Septic
- Signs

**\*\*As of January 1, 2014, the new revised Ontario Building Code is in effect\*\***

For further information, please contact Randy Mohns, Chief Building Official or Levi Junop, Building Inspector at 613-687-5536.



## Renfrew County Senior Games Hosted by Deep River

**These games are open to all adults 55 years young and up on May 28 & 29, 2014.**

**Submitted by Sam McCarthy and the Deep River Host Committee**

Shake off those winter cobwebs with two days of friendly competition; the format includes a vast array of events. Swimming, walking, cycling, golf, darts, euchre, bridge, lawn bowling, carpet bowling, tennis, 5 pin bowling. As you can see there's something for every-

one. Come on out and meet old (young) friends or make a bunch of new friends, try a new sport, you might like it.

The games will conclude on May 29th with a Health and Wellness Fair, some fun games, entertainment, and a banquet at the Deep River Arena.

Be sure to visit us at the home show in Petawawa and we can answer all your ques-

tions, and registration forms will be available.

For more information including a listing of event dates and times and a downloadable registration form please check <http://www.ontarioseniorgames.ca> or call the Deep River Recreation Department 613-584-2000 ext. 103.

The couch is no place for us. I'll see you on the playing field.





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## Thank You From Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

**Submitted by  
Mark Sokolski**

Way back in March of 2013, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School began an adventure which took it within reach of winning an outdoor classroom worth \$20,000. The Petawawa school had been selected as a finalist in the Canada-wide Trees of Knowledge competition, which was sponsored by Majesta, the maker of paper towels and tissue, "to generate inspiring, creative ideas where students can learn outside the traditional classroom." Other sponsors were the Ontario Forestry Association's Focus on Forests and Tree Canada, which promotes environmental stewardship and forestry education. Students and staff were hard at work on a publicity campaign to gain support through its online voting platform, and the community really rallied behind its children!

To earn a place in the top

10 schools in Canada for the competition, Our Lady of Sorrows submitted a plan to beautify all aspects of its school yard to make it an "outdoor classroom," including log benches, flower beds, a community garden, and a variety of native plants and trees. Lastly, a plan was set to build an 800 square foot open-air log cabin, for the purpose of taking the learning outside and letting students 'get their hands dirty' through taking part in classes in the great outdoors. The proposal, which was spearheaded by Grade 6 teacher Mark Sokolski, also described how the outdoor classroom would be used and maintained. Principal Christina Brown said the proposal included jobs for students in each grade to care for the outdoor classroom, "such as Grade 1 students planting seeds, and the Grade 6 class weeding and raking."

The students took their

ideas to the public. Students set up online voting stations and displayed posters in prominent locations. Weekly street rallies helped generate interest. Much of Petawawa Boulevard saw its street signs lending support to get the word out. Students spoke to Town Council, filmed promotional videos, and prepared public service announcements on several radio stations. The Town of Petawawa quickly started to warm to the idea. Facebook campaigns went viral. The campaign found partners in the online community, including several musicians, authors, and NHL players. The Ottawa Senators organization began using twitter to promote the contest and gain voter support online. The twitter campaign from Our Lady of Sorrows School had crossed 500,000 tweets! Dozens of local partners stepped forward to donate equipment as well as their financial sup-



*At the ribbon cutting ceremony for Our Lady of Sorrows new outdoor classroom. Left to right Merranda Leeck, Morgan Campbell, Tina Brown, principal, Mackenzie Deruiter, Mark Sokolski, Our Lady of Sorrows teacher and project lead for the contest, Owen Cummings and Cole Fowler. (Photo by Cyndi Mills, Petawawa Post)*

port to the project.

During the month long voting process, Our Lady of Sorrows led twice, but were

overtaken by a school from New Brunswick in the final week. Despite a massive push to try to overcome the deficit, the school was thrilled with the second place finish! In fact, the outdoor education area in Petawawa was completed before the winning school had even broken ground at their site. This is all in great part due to the tremendous support of the community in Petawawa. Our students learned the value of hard work, but also completed their vision with a grand sense of appreciation about the incredible community in which they live. Petawawa is simply an amazing place! We are so blessed to be here... it was amazing how, no matter where the students went, or what doors they knocked on for help, they were never turned away, and always left with some kind of support for the project.

Among those who made the project possible were the men of 2 Combat Engineering Regiment out of Garrison Petawawa, overseen by Sgt Todd Reilly and Master Cpl Rick Stanutz, who excavated the site, poured the foundations, built the roof and put on the shingles; (A mature red oak tree has been planted in their honour!) Dan Albert of Coyote Log Homes; Tree Canada, Staples Advantage and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation which allowed them to buy all of the trees and shrubs; the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board; Our Lady of Sorrows school council; the Town of Petawawa; Shaw Lumber and Home Depot for donating the materials, with Allan Camp-

bell of Home Depot installing the eavestroughs himself; the H and H Construction crew; Kathy Godin and Home Hardware staff.

Others who contributed include: Glen MacGillivray, CH Concrete, Clouthier Logging, The Pronto Food Mart, Hubert's Nursery, Mulvihill Drug Mart, the Petawawa Catholic Women's League, M and J Enterprises, Dale and Tony Donnelly, Sylvia Neville of Neville Motors, the Petawawa Horticultural Society, Moncion Grocers and the Petawawa Market, Rexall Pharma Plus and the TD Bank Group.

While the project started as a contest entry, it ended up being a widescale community achievement. As the colder weather passes, students will begin taking their learning outdoors again. The flowers and trees which volunteers planted in the fall will come to bloom, bringing much life to the schoolyard which once stood quite vast and empty. The school still has plans to add some larger trees, and is looking for sponsors who would like to adopt a tree during the spring plant. There are plans to add in rainwater collection systems, a vegetable patch, and to invite guest speakers for both student and community benefit.

On March 21, 2013, Darlene Travis posted on the Town of Petawawa facebook page: *We are up against some pretty big cities so let's show them what a small town can do when we all work together.*

A huge thank you to all of Petawawa for the wonderful and generous support which was shown!

## The Ottawa Valley's newest school opens in Petawawa September 2014

Valour School will bring 21st Century education and a state-of-the-art facility to the community of Petawawa when the Kindergarten to Grade 12 school officially opens its doors September 2014. The brand new building, currently under construction on Leeder Lane off of Civic Centre Road, will be a two-storey, 126,000 square-foot facility capable of housing 1,460 students.

"The result will be an amazing, dual stream English and French Immersion, state-of-the-art school which will meet our students' learning needs well into the future," Valour School Principal Bryan Baird said.

Valour School will include junior

and senior Kindergarten classrooms (housed in its own wing), elementary classrooms, secondary academic and specialty classrooms, a café, a huge gymnasium capable of being divided into four separate rooms and boasting the highest ceilings in Renfrew County, a media centre, dual stream English and French Immersion, High Performance Sports programming, full wireless connectivity and wiring for SMARTboard technology in all classrooms. Valour School will also house brand-new automotive, construction and robotics technology rooms, a theatre arts, music and visual arts room and a fully equipped fitness centre.

There will be one wireless device for every three Valour School students including 60 iPad minis in the junior and senior Kindergarten program to support literacy and numeracy learning. Kindergarten students will have their own self-contained play yard equipped to support outdoor experiential learning.

The school, designed by Barry J. Hobin Architects, is the model of efficiency. It will use 50 per cent less natural gas than the three schools the new school is replacing (Pinecrest and General Lake Public Schools and General Panet High School) saving the Renfrew County District School Board roughly \$40,000 a year. Valour School will be 50 per cent more efficient than the Model National Energy Code for Buildings requires.

Valour School will be more than just a home for Petawawa's students, it will also be an invaluable community hub. The café, media centre and quad gym will be centrally located to facilitate ease of use by the Petawawa community during off-school hours. Valour School will be the Renfrew County District School Board's first brand new facility since Arnprior's A. J. Charbonneau Public School opened in 1997.

*For further information, please contact:*  
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