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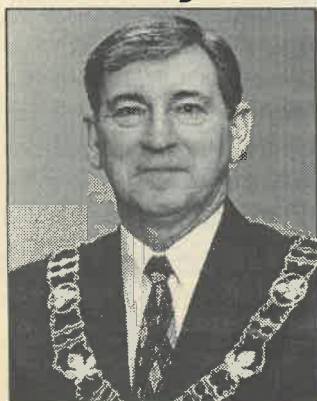
TOWN TIMES



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Message From The Mayor, Bob Sweet



On behalf of Council and Staff, I would like to wish one and all a very prosperous and happy New Year. The TOWN TIMES - introduced last year as a means to keep all residents informed,

was received very positively and we are pleased to present this newsletter again.

I would like to share with you some of the highlights of a very busy and challenging year. We experienced exceptional growth in our community - almost double that of 2001 - with approximately \$11 million in building permit value. New commercial development, the introduction of the beautification programme, the Winter Lights competition, the completion of the Doran Road /County Road 51 intersection and the 4-

seasons bridge and many projects and studies designed to maintain our position as one of the fastest growing communities in Renfrew County. Working co-operatively with CFB Petawawa, the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke, we are delighted with the very positive news regarding the establishment of a call centre for this area.

The town took a leadership role with the Ottawa River Living Legacy Program, we have been working jointly with CFB personnel on a skate board park for the youth of our

community, we have opened a Community Policing Committee office, have continued with the sidewalk programme and have taken a lead on having the Ottawa River declared a heritage river. We were pleased to work with and offer assistance to many groups including the Figure Skating Club, the Senior Games Organizing Committee, the Horticultural Society, the Heritage Committee, the Mount Molson Ski Club, Festival Hall, Valley Arts Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

These many programs and events would not have

been and are not possible without the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment from the legion of volunteers working to support Petawawa. Thank you. We applaud your energy and consistent willingness to help make our Town the best in the Valley!

Council has and will continue to preserve the tax rate while maintaining the high level of service that we have come to expect. We will continue to monitor and be proactive with respect to the Nutrient Management Act and how this affects the septage disposal issue. We look forward as well, to recognizing the 100th anniversary

of the Canadian Military Engineers by presenting them with the Freedom of our Town, the first such honour ever given by our community.

As we continue to forge ahead in this challenging decade, Council and staff will work with residents, businesses and stakeholders to manage future issues in a cost effective and innovative manner. By working together, we can maintain Petawawa as the community that is truly - Dynamic by Nature.

Once again, allow me to wish all a very prosperous and happy New Year.

Message From The Base Commander



At this time of year, it is common to reflect upon the last year and consider the many good events which have taken place and to plan for the coming year. Looking back, I can recall that upon my return to CFB Petawawa as the Base Commander, I found that CFB Petawawa and the Town of Petawawa had done much to work together to improve the quality of life of our entire community. As

my tour progressed, I was pleasantly surprised by the excellent working relationship, which existed between CFB Petawawa and the Town of Petawawa. Working together we have managed to resolve many issues, which in the past could not be fully addressed.

I have also been very pleased with the support provided to the many activities and events which in themselves make us the

community we are. One event which comes easily to mind is the Cancer Society's Relay For Life, which is held at CFB Petawawa and which is fully supported by the Town of Petawawa and in fact the entire Ottawa Valley. Not only is this event one which supports an excellent cause, it also brings us together as a community, which looks after its needs and works to make things happen.

As the Base Commander, it is my responsibility to

ensure that our military members are provided with the facilities, services and programs which we would normally find in a typical, progressive Canadian community. I am glad to say that, with the help of the Town of Petawawa, we have more than surpassed that; in fact, many communities would be envious of our quality of life facilities and activities.

Looking to the future, I look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Petawawa in supporting the

many activities and events, which we consider the very fibre of our community. As well, my wife Julie and I look forward to another very satisfying eighteen months at CFB Petawawa. I thank the Mayor of Petawawa, his Council members and the members of the local community for supporting our soldiers during the many deployments and the challenging times ahead.

Happy New Year to all!

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please Dial 9-1-1 for EMERGENCIES requiring POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE

Town Offices: 687-5536; FAX - 687-5973
e-mail: email@town.petawawa.on.ca
(Administration, Building Official, By-Law Officer, Animal Control Economic Development)
Fire Hall - 687-8000 or 687-4759 (Non-Emergency)
Ambulance - 687-5557 (Non-emergency)
O.P.P. Office - 735-0188 (Non-emergency)
Public Works - 687-2692
After Hours Emergency - 735-3525
Civic Centre - 687-5678

Library - 687-2227
Water Plant - 687-7512
Sewage Treatment Plant - 687-2141
Humane Society - 687-5511 Ext. 5770
Rec Plex Centre - CFB Petawawa - 687-2932
Canada Post Office - 687-5934
Assessment Office (MPAC) - 1-866-296-6722
Renfrew County and District Health Unit - 735-8666
TELEHEALTH ONTARIO - 1-866-797-0000

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Bob Sweet - 687 - 5837
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Councillor - Sean Aubry - 687 - 1934
Councillor Ken Pleadwell - 687 - 4950
Councillor Treena Lemay - 687 - 4434
Councillor Bill Ramsey - 687 - 1933
Councillor Cy Steele - 687 - 4338

A year in the life of the library



by Head Librarian and CEO Carol Goldsmith

Over the years libraries have evolved from a place where we went to quietly get a book, do research, or just sit and read. Today the library is a social and cultural hub of the community. People come still for all the same reasons but are provided with so much more. Over this last year the Petawawa Library has strived to provide it's members with friendly courteous service as well as a variety of interesting activities to partake in.

During 2002 the Library hosted a variety of activities for children to become involved in. There is something for everyone:

- Story time for children 3 to 5 years of age every Tuesday and Wednesday

morning from September to April.

- Saturday story time at 1:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to come.

- Craft Days for Halloween, Christmas, and March Break for ages 7 - 12.

- Short Story Writing Contest for the month of October for ages 5-8, 9-11, 12-14 and for the first time this year ages 15-17.

- A variety of reading programs - Junior Readers - Grades 1 to 3 running from January to April. Silver Birch Reading Club - Grades 4 to 6, from January to April. Red Maple Reading Club - Grades 7 to 9 from January to April.

- Summer Reading Program which runs July and August (in 3 sessions) for the small cost of \$5.00 per session for grades 2 - 6. We also offer a "Read on your own" program for children not in the reading program. Children may come in at their convenience to receive incentives for reading books. Any information needed on these programs call Janet Coulas at 687-2227.

The Library also spends time creating and displaying

many different themes throughout the year which we think the public would enjoy. Did you catch the "History of Bathing Suits" or "Korea - the Forgotten War"? We encourage anyone who might be interested in showing their talents to contact Maggie Jacques at 687-2227 about space and time. We would love to see more local talent in the library.

As a part of the Petawawa Community the library takes part in as many activities as possible, such as "Stories and Snapshots with SnoPet" during Cabin Fever, Large Book Sale during Civic Centre Days, and support for the Pumpkin Patch Party.

Throughout the year the Library provides the community with programs of entertainment. We had in this past year "The Duke of Magic", the "Ottawa Storytellers" and this year the library had the "Tiffany Trio" perform in the library during the Christmas season.

The Library strives throughout the year to provide as many services as

possible to its members. We have Internet computers for use with printing capabilities, Reading Buddies (young adults who work with youngsters to improve their reading), a place for students to put in their required 40 hours of community service. Plus we have many adult volunteers who keep our shelves in order making it easier to

find items. Also if for any reason we don't have what you are looking for, don't despair, just request it and we will try to get it from another library for you. The Interlibrary Loan Forms are in the library and on our webpage.

The library was a very busy place this last year with a circulation of 105,861

items. We are looking forward to continuing to serve all our members and as well as welcoming many new members in 2003.

To keep up-to-date on what is going on at the library don't forget to check out our webpage www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca

LIBRARY EXPANSION

Meetings continue to be held between the Library Building Committee and the architect Gerry Schoalts. All interested parties are working toward the expanded/renovated library becoming a reality this year.

PETAWAWA'S RENFREW COUNTY EMS STAFF



Pictured L-R: staff members of the Renfrew County Emergency Medical Services - Petawawa base - Darryl McLoughlin, Brent Daechsel, Julie Morden, second year Paramedic student on a one year placement with the Petawawa location, Richard Luesink, Supervisor and Luc Bouffard. All four staff members are Advanced Emergency Medical Care Assistants classified as Primary Care Paramedics. With these qualifications the members of the Petawawa base are authorized to perform delegated medical acts under the medical license of Dr. R. Hing. In addition to being able to defibrillate and perform cardiac monitoring the Paramedics are also authorized to deliver various medical drugs. These drugs include Nitroglycerin for chest pain and congestive heart failure, ASA for suspected cardiac emergencies, glucagons for diabetics suffering from low blood sugar. Monijel also for low blood sugar, Epinephrin for anaphylaxia (allergic reactions) and Sulbutamol for Respiratory emergencies such as asthma and other broncho-constrictive respiratory emergencies. The Petawawa base of Renfrew County EMS has a coverage area that include the Town of Petawawa, CFB Petawawa, both the PMQ's and the working side of the base, out into Algonquin Park and its coverage area along Highway 17 includes the stretch from the Petawawa National Forestry east to Forest Lea Road. Now having said this, the coverage area that the Petawawa base may take in could be anywhere in Renfrew County that they are required. Often the Paramedics find themselves travelling from one emergency call to another as well as travelling up and down the highway to provide a balance of emergency coverage to areas that have ambulances out of the area or busy themselves. Twenty-four hour on-site coverage will be available in Petawawa as soon as enough paramedics are hired.

Article submitted by: Brent Daechsel, EMS

NEW AIRLINE



On November 11, 2002, GO AIR EXPRESS was launched from the Pembroke & Area Airport. The Beech 1900 aircraft with a capacity for 19 passengers has 4 scheduled flights per day to Toronto. Flights leave the local airport at 7 am and 5 pm and return from Toronto at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm. Tickets and more information can be obtained from local travel agencies or on-line at www.flytheex.com. The Town of Petawawa is delighted to welcome this great transportation link to the area.

Stream International Comes to Upper Ottawa Valley...Finally

The Town of Petawawa has worked very closely with CFB Petawawa, the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke on this project, in a cooperative 14 month effort to bring a call centre to the Upper Ottawa Valley. Stream was particularly impressed with the area's skilled labour force, and the community support demonstrated by the local municipalities.



economy in the Upper Ottawa Valley. There will be an estimated \$36 M in local economic impact, felt by local merchants, realtors, builders, etc., and, it will provide the potential to attract other businesses and investment to the area.

At this time, specific details regarding the hiring and employment opportunities with

customer service and technical support fields.

Stream are limited but the company has advised us that you should feel free to visit www.stream.com/newsites for more information. You are encouraged to monitor the local media in the upcoming weeks for updates.

All in all, it is a great economic news story for the Upper Ottawa Valley, and a great way to start 2003!

Stream International is currently working out the final details with the building owner of the old Eddy Match building in the west end of Pembroke, and once those are completed, we should be looking at a spring opening. The plan is for a 350 seat inbound call centre, which will create the 500 to 700 new jobs, mostly in the

Stream International is known globally as a provider of technical support in the high tech sector, with 21 locations world-wide. It has four locations in Canada - Belleville, London, Cape Breton, and Chilliwack.

The Stream announcement will have an extremely positive effect on the

Building Inspectors Report - Here We Grow Again -

As you drive around the Town, you can note the increase in both residential and commercial growth. The estimated value of buildings constructed in 2002 was more than \$10 Million.

The table below gives you a picture of some of the figures for the last 2 years.

Type of structure	# of permits in 2002	Value	# of permits in 2001	Value
Single Family Dwellings	53	\$6,605,000	28	\$3,491,000
Single Family Additions	15	\$324,000	12	\$284,000
Pools	31	\$193,380	20	\$99,900
Commercial	4	\$3,231,000	3	\$350,000
Commercial Additions	2	\$175,000	2	\$502,000
Other categories	79	\$316,550	77	\$645,667
Total	184	\$10,844,930	142	\$5,372,567

KELSEY'S RESTAURANT



Petawawa Kelsey's Restaurant co-owners Bill Clouthier (left), Todd Clouthier (second from right) and Brad Clouthier (right) with restaurant General Manager Phil Hermite (second from left) celebrate their new business venture in the Town of Petawawa.

The smiles are certainly justified and reflect the culmination of a dream come true. For the Clouthier family, this 5000 sq. ft. Kelsey's which officially opened on Dec. 16/02 was a wonderful event. This internationally known chain of Neighbourhood Bars and Grills which started in

Oakville in 1987 has been growing with lightening speed all across Canada and is moving into the U.S. markets.

The owners say, "When you come to Kelsey's, we want to entertain you with our warmth and hospitality and offer you our best, like you were going to dinner at a friend's house - great food, great service and a good time."

The Clouthiers, who have always been great Petawawa boosters and supporters, have once again shown their confidence in this growing community.

The Town of Petawawa wishes them great success and continued growth.

PETAWAWA'S NEW GROCERY STORE



Work is well underway on a new Petawawa Foodliner owned by Denis and Debbie Moncion. (Above) Denis Moncion and Sean Farrell, Project Manager with Loblaw Properties Ltd. check the progress on construction.

Construction began last Fall on Denis and Debbie Moncion's brand new FOODLINER grocery store located on Petawawa Boulevard, east of Civic Centre Road. The 32000 sq. ft. facility, with an additional 4000 sq. ft. year round garden centre will have 300 parking spaces, a full service in-store bakery, floral department, snack area, lottery centre and a

prescription pharmacy.

Watch for the grand opening this spring.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Moncions for the success of this great addition to the Town of Petawawa.

Winter Lights 2002



Judges Hubert Noseworthy, St. John's, Nfld. and Angela Veith, Kitchener Waterloo pictured with Karen Fischer, Economic Development Officer for Town of Petawawa.

The Town of Petawawa joined 44 other Canadian communities in 2002 for the annual Winter Lights Celebrations Celebrating Light and Life. This was the Town's first effort in this program, and we are very pleased with the results.

A committee was formed, consisting of a number of community volunteers and town representatives, who

worked very diligently to develop a program for the judges. Many thanks to Rawleigh McCrae, Gord Strathy, Mary Ellen Lariviere, Tina Spurrell, Tammy Parent, Treena Lemay, Bob DeWolfe and Karen Fischer.

Many more thank-you's go out to the people of Petawawa, who individually or as entire neighbourhoods, put their best decorating talents forward and made Petawawa a very cheery place this past holiday season. Next year's program is looking to be bigger and better, with more events planned, including a festive decorating and lighting competition, weekly winter and festive events leading up to the holiday season, and greater participation.

The program was extremely well received, and on December 16, the Town was judged on the basis of its community spirit, festivals and events celebrating the season, and seasonal lighting and decorating. The results of the judging for this competition will take place in Ottawa, on February 16, 2003, at the Marriott Hotel. The Town competed against four other communities within a similar size category. They included Portage La Prairie, Fort St. John, Cranbrook, and Dawson Creek.

Residents will have noticed the colourful new banners, the beautiful angels and the various other decorations adorning town streets and buildings this winter, as well as the beautiful displays showcasing Petawawa's homes and businesses.

A number of local events were showcased for the judges. These included Cabin Fever, the Lion's Club Santa Claus Parade and Caring Lights, the Trucker's Toy Drive, the Legion Hamper Fund, Christmas craft shows, Family Christmas Cheer Night at the Library, Carols on Ice, Christmas Carolling with the Horticultural Society, the Merchant's Dinner and Dance, and the New Year's Eve Family Party.

Thank you to the representatives from all of these organizations and the Service Clubs who spent time with the judges explaining and describing how their organizations contribute to the celebration of winter in Petawawa.

We had a great visit and tour with our Winter Lights judges, Hubert and Angela, and look forward to hearing the results of the competition in February.

News from Economic Development

By Karen Fischer, Economic Development Officer
High Speed Internet

High Speed Internet came to parts of Petawawa in 2003. The Economic Development Department is looking at ways and means, with both Bell and other service providers, of expanding the service to the majority of households, businesses and municipal buildings.

Tourism Strategy

As an important component of the Strategic Plan, tourism was identified as an economic development opportunity that needed to be explored. In November 2002, a Tourism Strategy was completed, which provided the Town with some direction as to where its tourism efforts should be focussed. The purpose of the strategy was to develop and extend tourism options to create a reasonable basis for stable business interests.

Petawawa is well suited for resource based and adventure tourism. Ecotourism and heritage (both manmade and natural) tourism are attracting strong and potentially growing numbers of tourists.

The rivers and the waterfront were identified as major assets that should be developed by the Town, particularly Petawawa Point and the marina at CFB Petawawa. The Base Museum, the Town's Heritage Committee, and the Millennium Trail were also identified as important assets that should be developed to their full potential from a cultural history perspective. The beautification project undertaken by the Town needs to be completed, as it will provide the visitor with a more attractive experience when they visit.

Plans are underway from a staff perspective to review these strategic directions, and develop opportunities for their implementation in 2003 and beyond.

Business Retention and Expansion Program

The Town of Petawawa, the Town of Laurentian Hills, the Township of Laurentian Valley, the Township of Whitewater Region, and the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce are implementing a local economic development business retention and expansion project as part of the County-wide initiative.

To assist existing businesses, 37 volunteer visitors contacted 100 businesses in the four municipalities, with representation from four sectors; manufacturing, service, retail and tourism. These volunteers asked a carefully developed series of questions to identify, among other items, the businesses' needs, concerns, and challenges which they saw businesses having in each community.

At the end of 2002, approximately 50% of the interviews were completed, with the remainder to be completed by the end of February, 2003.

Once the surveys are completed, a local Task Force of volunteer community business owners will review this information, and try to address any issues that arise as a result of the business interviews.

Temiskawa Waterway

The Economic Development Department participates with numerous other communities along the Ottawa River in the Temiskawa Waterway. The Temiskawa Waterway is a series of by-passes that were constructed around the rapids and dams on the Ottawa River to allow for passage of boats up to 32' long. Because of these by-passes, the Ottawa River is now navigable from Lake Temiscaming to Fitzroy Harbour. In 2002, the Waterway Committee was awarded Superbuild Funding from the Province, as well as funding from the City of Ottawa, the County of Renfrew, and Pontiac County to build and open a by-pass at Fitzroy Harbour.

Once funding confirmation from the Federal government has been received it is hoped that the final by-pass will be built in 2003.

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Petawawa Terrace Project

By: Campbell McKie, Director of Parks and Recreation
Petawawa Nature Interpretive Trails

The November company of 3RCR Base Petawawa has been very busy restoring the trails at the Petawawa Terrace to their original glory days. November company has cleaned up the "Blow Down" from previous storms and removed the old wooden viewing tower which had been closed off due to its unsafe conditions. They also laid down crusher dust to define the trail and fill in low spots.

This work was undertaken as part of 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Groups "Operation Valley Pride", an ongoing program which tries to tie in community projects with soldiers' regular training. The M.N.R. has installed new trail symbols, provided an updated map at the Laurentian Drive parking lot and the Civic Centre staff built new bridges.

The next step is the 5 year plan for the interpretive sign development. Storyboards will be placed along the trail identical in design to the historical outdoor museum along the Millennium Trail. November company has installed the first three storyboards/kiosks and the write ups for the storyboards are being drafted.

In addition to location maps, the proposed panels will outline:

Winter Song Birds	Water Fowl
Summer Song Birds	Raptors (Bird of Prey)
Mammals	Turtles
Game Species	Butterflies
Trees	Fish
Forest Communities	Shoreline Habitat
Natural Heritage Features	Farms and Foundations
Frogs	Snakes

A draft of the site plan, three proposed viewing stations, and details for the storyboards will be presented at a public meeting in the spring of 2003.

Ducks Unlimited and the M.N.R. have been extremely helpful in developing the nature interpretive concept that is bound to be a tremendous hit with the school programs and visitors to Petawawa.

In the summer we hope to install a sun shelter at the new playground adjacent to the Terrace. These improvements make a big difference and compliment the Millennium Trail, The Trillium Four Seasons Trail, Temiskawa Trail (Ottawa River) and the Petawawa Whitewater Canoe and Kayak Trail. Petawawa's trail system - The Emerald Necklace promises to be one of the most extensive and interesting trail systems in Canada.

PETAWAWA'S HISTORY ON THE MILLENNIUM TRAIL

During the latter part of 2002, the Parks and Recreation Department installed 16 storyboards along the Millennium Trail. These storyboards, with material compiled and written by Councilor Lemay, highlight significant events in the history of Petawawa and its people. Sponsored by local families, service clubs and other Community Boosters and supporters, the stories on the boards are intended to give the Trail's users - Petawawa residents and visitors alike - information on our History, our People and our Environment.

Please come out in the Spring and read more about the making of our Town.



2002 Goals

This is the second year that Council and Town Staff have been asked to identify Goals to work towards during the year. In addition, this year we used YOUR comments from the Community Survey response to set the 2002 goals.

Keeping with our practice of reporting the status of goal attainment, as we did in last year's issue, we submit these for your review:

- * Establishment of office space for the Community Policing Committee
- * Infrastructure study completed
- * Hosted Renfrew County Senior Games
- * Emergency Plan completed
- * Supported the start of the Morglan Subdivision
- * Capital upgrades to Murphy Road and Pinegrove Crescent
- * Official Plan approved
- * Hosted Ontario Figure Skating Sectionals
- * Started the plans for a skate board park
- * Continued the sidewalk expansion program
- * Initiated a Tourism strategy
- * Architect hired and preliminary draft plans for Library addition created
- * Recreation Master Plan completed
- * Staff recognition program implemented
- * Introduction of High Speed Internet access to some of Petawawa
- * Completed Ottawa River Legacy Landmark Program
- * Business Retention and Expansion program started
- * Hosted Horticultural Society Conference
- * Supported the recruitment and establishment of a new airline

- * Supported the construction plans for the new Moncion grocery store project
- * Assumed the lead role in having the Ottawa River declared a Heritage River
- * Shared the role of attracting the new Call Centre to the area
- * Secured provincial funding to supply a backup chlorinating system to ensure a continuous safe water supply
- * Requested Staff to prepare reports on pesticide usage and smoking on municipal properties
- * Received a draft report on sidewalk priority criteria
- * Continued with streetlight installation program
- * In process review of sign by-law, parking by-law and grants policy
- * In process creation of a water conservation policy
- * Initiated a process to develop an Electronic Documentation By-Law to archive town documents as per Municipal Act
- * Initiated 5 % tax reduction
- * Working in partnership with neighbouring municipalities to pursue options for septage disposal
- * Supported the development efforts of the Petawawa Terrace project
- * Worked in partnership with Laurentian Valley and the City of Pembroke to contribute to the continued maintenance and support of Festival Hall
- * Initiated a "striking" committee to create an advisory committee to review handicapped accessibility in the municipality

2002 - What's New in Capital Roads and Sidewalks Since 1997?

As the Town celebrated 5 years of amalgamation on July 1, you might be interested in the road, drainage and sidewalk construction projects which have taken place since 1997. The following chart lists the area of construction and the cost of each project.

These dollars are required to sustain the \$35 million dollar investment that the Town has in its 110 kms. of streets and roads and its approximately 20 kms. of sidewalks.

YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST
1997	Priebe Road Ditching	\$23,291
	Mohns Avenue Reconstruction	\$186,458
	Sylvan Drive - Single surface Treatment	\$10,624
	Evergreen Drive - Double Surface Treatment	\$ 6,227
	Gutzman Road -Reconstructed & double surface	\$ 64,106
	Portage Road - Pulverize and Pave	\$58,040
1998	Black Bay Road -Section 1 - Pulverize and Pave	\$96,051
	Priebe Road -Section 1 reconstruction	\$201,518
	Portage Road - Pulverize and pave	\$ 69,395
1999	Albert Street Sidewalk	\$40,329
	Dundonald Drive Sidewalk (Pet. Blvd to Wilbert)	\$30,011
	Herman Street Sidewalk (John to school)	\$35,847
	Radtke Road - Pulverize and Pave	\$ 26,015
	Eichstaedt Road Reconstruction	\$159,400
	Airport Road - Section 1- Pulverize and Pave	\$35,699
2000	Priebe Road -Section 2 -Pulverize and Pave	\$225,428
	Airport Road - Section 2 -Pulverize and Pave	\$30,562
	Black Bay Road - Section 2 - Pulverize and Pave	\$92,050
	Behnke Crescent - Phase 2 -Reconstruction	\$161,048
	Sack Hill Road Reconstruction	\$ 124,524
	Biesenthal Road -phase 2 - reconstruction	\$ 459,765
	Murphy Road Reconstruction	\$1,137,889
	Armstrong Road Reconstruction	\$ 935,135
	Laurentian Drive Sidewalk -Pt 1	\$30,552
	Laurentian Drive Sidewalk - Pt 2	\$ 94,611
	Civic Centre Road Sidewalk	\$61,775
	Pet Blvd - (Mohns to Bridge) Sidewalk	\$104,399
	Kramer Ave Sidewalk (Kramer to Pineview)	\$6,758
2001	Silke Drive Sidewalk	\$28,214
	Gutzman Road Hill Reconstruction	\$ 161,048
	Civic Centre Driveway Sidewalk	\$48,310
	Schwantz Road Sidewalk	\$45,366
	Laurentian Drive -Phase 3 (Dundonald to Victoria)	\$102,630
2002	Murphy Rd Sidewalk (Hemlock to Civic CentreDr)	\$97,000
	Pinegrove Crescent Drainage	\$98,800
	Hilda Street /Doran Reconstruction	\$108,000
	Murphy Road Asphalt	\$120,184
	Behnke Crescent -Phase 3 -Reconstruction	\$119,597
5 year TOTAL	Drainage - Roads - Sidewalks	\$ 10,307,771.00

Beautification/Streetscaping

The Town undertook a beautification plan in 2002, which provided a long-term strategy for streetscaping and beautification. Several key principles guided the development of the plan, which included preservation of the river and surrounding forest environments, maintenance of a high quality of life and active lifestyle, respect and preservation for local history and heritage sites, and promotion of a viable, customer service

oriented business community.

The plan encapsulated Petawawa's rich aboriginal, fur trading, timber and military history, today's economic and community development goals, and its natural surroundings. A high quality, community based design concept is the end result.

As funds become available and grants are accessed, expect to see changes in the Town which will attempt to update the Town's image.

Special Events In Petawawa



By: Tammy Parent, Special Events Co-ordinator

Special Events in the Town's Parks & Recreation Department has had a very successful year. The Events Coordinator, who is the primary person responsible for special events, coordinates the planning of all town-run special events. The community's two annual festivals, Cabin Fever and Civic Centre Days, are no exception to that rule. There are many other programs that fall under the 'special event' designation. Events such as The Petawawa Premiere Bridal Show, Easter Egg Hunt, outdoor summer performances on the Evergreen Stage at the Millennium Trail, Art in the Park, Canada Day, Pumpkin-Patch Party & Competition, Carols on Ice, and New Year's Eve. Most of the special events that are planned cater to families with children 12 and under. With a

continuous influx of young families to our area, it seems fitting to offer these types of programs. Contributing to the quality of life of the residents in our community is one of our main goals.

The Parks & Recreation Department also supports many other events throughout the community such as Rotary Club's Oktoberfest, the Lion's Club Santa Claus Parade, Winter Lights Celebrations, and Carolling and Garden Tour with the Horticultural Society. Many of the events currently planned by the department were new programs established as part of the Town of Petawawa's Millennium Celebrations Committee in 2000. Since such success was achieved by the committee, many of the events have become programs that the community can look forward to annually.

2003 promises to be as busy as 2002, if not more so, as the department works to develop the Town's new initiatives in Winter Lights Celebrations.

Anyone wishing to get more information on existing special events or interested in proposing new ideas to the department can call Tammy Parent, Events

Coordinator, at 687-5678 or contact her by email at tparent@town.petawawa.on.ca.

Please browse our website at

www.town.petawawa.on.ca and click on Parks & Recreation for more details on the special events available in your community. **Petawawa Parks and Recreation Youth Study - Fall 2002**

The Town of Petawawa Parks and Recreation Department is working towards an initiative that will see Petawawa as a healthy active community that thrives on positive energy and active lifestyles for children and adults alike. The goal of this study was to work with the Petawawa youth and their support systems to establish and implement the ideal programs, resources, and facilities required to allow our youth to take control of their leisure time and make safe and healthy choices.

The department is dedicated to promoting active living among Petawawa youth and addressing the issues, (smoking, alcohol consumption, drug use, and physical inactivity) that prevent them from leading healthy active lives.

Through new and innovative programming we will increase the percentage of Petawawa youth that adhere to a lifestyle that includes healthy active living, and move from the tradition of providing activities to a new concept of using recreational programs to improve quality of life.

A survey was developed for distribution to Petawawa youth in order to benchmark the modifiable risk factors and learn what their specific

needs are. A total of 236 surveys were collected for analysis. Those 236 account for 14% of the targeted population. For a full report of the results please check out the Town website www.town.petawawa.on.ca/recreation/index.html or contact Natalie at the Civic Centre at 687-5678.

It was thought that if positive changes were going to take place research must begin to give a profile of exactly what

issues need to be addressed. The development of partnerships with schools, the Health Unit, other communities, CFB recreation, CFB health promotions, and important non-profit groups such as the Canadian Cancer Society, will strengthen the power of positive change for community leaders.

A full recommendation for the future of youth programming will be available in the near future.

New 4 Seasons Snowmobile Bridge



The bridge, located beside the railway bridge off of Portage Road, will allow safer crossing of the Petawawa River, and 2400 km of groomed TOP A trails in Renfrew County are waiting to be explored. Contact the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association at (800) 757-6580 for detailed maps and touring information."

Economic Development ... continued from page four

Promotional Tools

In 2002, the Economic Development Department produced a number of promotional tools that will help increase awareness of the Town and all it has to offer. We have completed a Community Profile, which highlights the Town from an economic development perspective, produced a Visitor Guide that outlines attractions and events, designed roll up banners and a versatile pop-up display that can also be used at various trade shows, presentations, and events. The Town map is currently under revision, and the new and improved version should be available in March 2003.

Phase 2 - valleyexplore.com

Valleyexplore.com is a website that the Economic Development Department has developed in partnership with a number of other communities and organizations. This site was expanded in 2002 to include more walking trails, as well as driving tours, biking tours, and paddling routes.

Other Partnerships

The Economic Development Department is partnering with other communities and organizations in a number of areas:

1. The Economic Development Department is working with the Pembroke General Hospital to develop a strategy for the recruitment of new physicians. We hope to have a strategy in place by mid-2003.
2. The Cultural Heritage Corridor Project is a partnership between local businesses in the Upper Ottawa Valley, to develop a cultural heritage driving tour that will encourage visitors to Deep River, Petawawa, and Pembroke.
3. The Town is part of the County of Renfrew Partners Initiative (CORPI), which was awarded \$1.88 million in funding from the OSTAR funding program. This program will enhance tourism in Renfrew County, as well as create employment opportunities in the tourism, agriculture and manufacturing sectors. Plans are underway to implement the first phases of this project in 2003.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

By: Campbell McKie, Director of Parks and Recreation

Advertising Opportunities

The Parks and Recreation Department has many unique opportunities available for businesses wanting to support popular community improvements or increase their presence and marketing exposure in the Town of Petawawa. All prices are quoted with taxes and installation included. Please contact Campbell McKie at 687-5678 to confirm arrangements.

- \$500.00** - Nature interpretive storyboard (for the life of the board) on the Petawawa Terrace Trail - 27" x 54". (Identical to the ones at the Millennium Trail)
- \$400.00** - Per year for the right to post an advertising panel on the Civic Centre arena boards - 37 1/2" x 96".
- \$300.00** - Mini-Putt sponsor sign (for the life of the sign) - 12" X 18".
- \$200.00** - Per year for the right to post a sign on a ball-field fence 48" x 48" as seen on the Indians baseball field.
- \$200.00** - Bench or Picnic Table along the Town's walking trails (for the life of the furniture)
- \$100.00** - Trees or Granite steps along the Millennium Trail.
- \$100.00** - For the right to post an ad panel for a period of 4 years around the "Coming Events" sign at the Civic Centre 7 1/2" w x 7 1/2" h.

Town of Petawawa Employee Awards 2002

At a recent awards ceremony, Town employees, Library staff and Volunteer Firefighters were recognized for varying lengths of employment with the town. Shown in the photos are some of those who attended the event.

5 - 9 Years

Terry Behnke
Peter Lapointe
Kelly Thompson
Mark Reinert
Danny Bimm
Barry Schimmens
Brad Sweet
Shawn Stencil
Stuart Saunders
Stephen Gilchrist
Gary Pardy
Craig Proulx
Peter Moss
Bill Tabram
Jean Belec

10 - 14 Years

Ann Bain
Dan Scissons
Mitch Stillman
Chris Clouthier
Mark Wegner
Janet Coulas
Carol Goldsmith
Ray Felhaber
Sean Aubry
John Flemming
Steve Teschner
Van Gorr



(Left) Receiving employee awards are (back left to right) Steve Knott, Campbell McKie, Garry Clement, (front left to right) Betty Almon Felhaber and Bob MacKenzie; (above left to right) Larry Charette and Richard Kramer.

15 - 19 Years

Tom Donnelly
Steve Heath
Norm Quenneville

20 - 25 Years

Barbara Collmorgen
Larry Green
Karen Mohns

30 + Years

Bob Rantz

25 - 30 Years

Tom Renaud
Bob MacKenzie
Betty Almon Felhaber
Campbell McKie
Steve Knott
Garry Clement

40 + Years

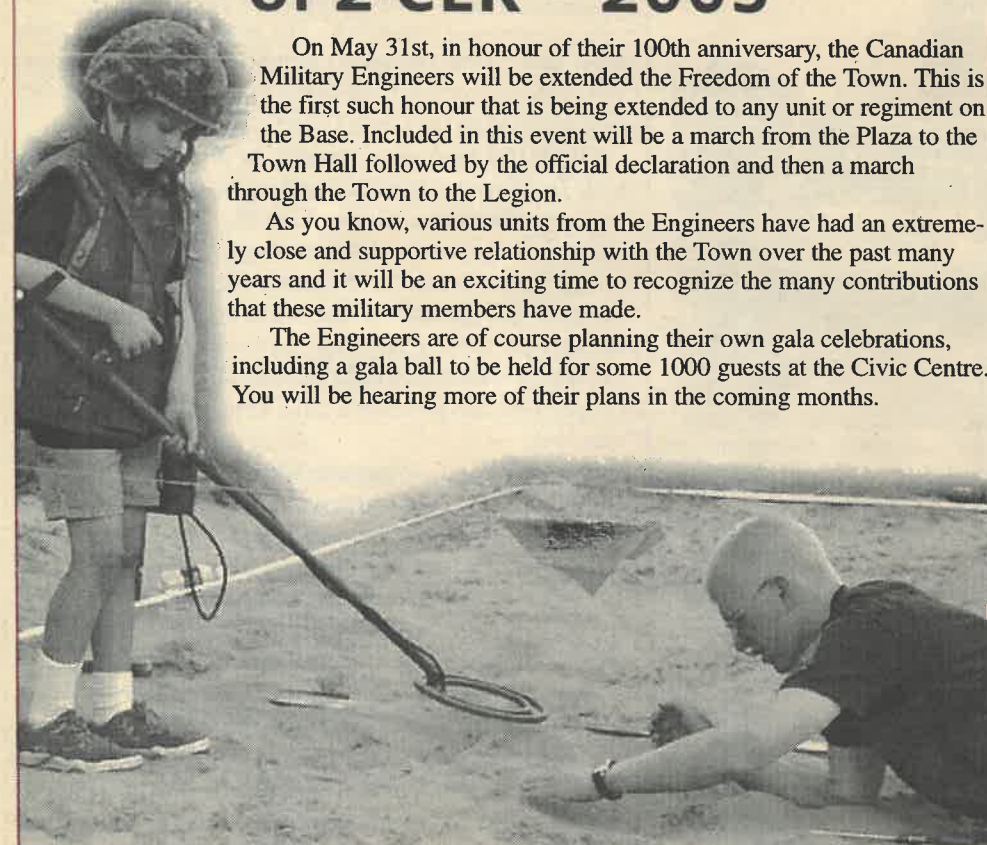
Larry Charette
Richard Kramer

100th Anniversary of 2 CER - 2003

On May 31st, in honour of their 100th anniversary, the Canadian Military Engineers will be extended the Freedom of the Town. This is the first such honour that is being extended to any unit or regiment on the Base. Included in this event will be a march from the Plaza to the Town Hall followed by the official declaration and then a march through the Town to the Legion.

As you know, various units from the Engineers have had an extremely close and supportive relationship with the Town over the past many years and it will be an exciting time to recognize the many contributions that these military members have made.

The Engineers are of course planning their own gala celebrations, including a gala ball to be held for some 1000 guests at the Civic Centre. You will be hearing more of their plans in the coming months.



A young boy learns the finer points of mine detection from a Combat Engineer.

100th Anniversary of CFB Petawawa - 2005

The continued growth of Petawawa occurred as a result of three main contributing factors - the abundance of white pine which was exported for the masts of English ships, the accompanying logging industry and the creation of CFB Petawawa.

It was in the Fall of 1904 that the Department of Militia and Defence began the search for a suitable site for more realistic artillery training.

The Petawawa site was chosen over Barry's Bay and Kazabazua. An 'Order in Council' dated November 2, 1905 empowered the Minister to acquire 116 square miles for the new military Base. Over the next 6 years, the properties of over 150 German settlers



who had been on the land for more than 20 years were expropriated.

For the past 2 years, the Town's Base Liaison Committee has been working closely with Base personnel to put plans in place to celebrate the 100th anniversary of CFB Petawawa in 2005.

According to Capt Guy Turpin, Base Public Affairs

Officer, throughout 2005, CFB Petawawa, in partnership with the Town of Petawawa, will be hosting various activities to commemorate and celebrate 100 years of military presence in Petawawa.

CFB Petawawa proudly looks forward to sharing what will be a most memorable event.

To find out more on the activities, we invite you to visit our 2005 CFB Petawawa Centennial Celebration link at the following address:

www.army.dnd.ca/cfb_petawawa or contact the Petawawa Public Affairs Office at (613) 687-5511, extension 7532.

Watch for periodic news stories as we get closer to that date!!

OTTAWA RIVER LEGACY LANDMARK NETWORK

By Len Hopkins

On January 21, 2002, the Town of Petawawa and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources committed themselves, in partnership, to respectively administer and finance an Ontario Living Legacy Landmark project, which, from then on, became the Ottawa River Legacy Landmark Network. The project's objective was to build several historically-oriented kiosks between Hawkesbury and New Liskeard which would outline and highlight the importance of each location to the history of the Ottawa River.

This partnership enabled both parties to obtain capital funding of up to \$400,000 from the Ontario Legacy Landmark Program. Mr. Jim Fraser from the Pembroke office of the Ministry of Natural Resources arranged the negotiations for such sites and the Town of Petawawa agreed to be the managing partner to access Ontario Legacy Landmark funding. The Town of Petawawa is to be commended on its work on this program.

All of the kiosks have been or will be finalized by May of this year and are already or will be located at New Liskeard, Haileybury, Mattawa, Deep River, Petawawa (at the Point), Pembroke, Arnprior, Fitzroy Harbour, Westboro Beach in Ottawa, the Ducks Unlimited site at Atacos Bay and at the Voyageur Provincial Park near the Quebec-Ontario border.

Mayor Bob Sweet and Petawawa Council have kindly asked me to chair the Ottawa River Legacy Landmark/Heritage Committee. I thank them for this volunteer task because it fits right into my background history studies and I am enthusiastic about pursuing the work.

On August 24, 2002, we had a kickoff event for the project which attracted about 250 people to this event at the Jubilee Lodge Yacht Club at CFB Petawawa.

The community of

Petawawa and its neighbours all came into action and put on a class act for the day. We had "greeters", pipers, a steam boat and all kinds of other boats.

Don Smith from Valley Ventures from Deep River brought down a voyageur canoe, people attended from Hawkesbury and New Liskeard and points in between. Their M.P.'s, wardens and other municipal leaders were present.

Our M.P.P., Warden Bill Schweig, businesses and the media did a super job for us.

Appreciation is extended to the Canadian Chinese community for supplying Legacy Landmark sweat-shirts which were auctioned off. Father Mark Tardiff represented the early missionaries who traveled the river.

Many thanks go out to the pipers Jim McIntyre and Hughie Briand,

Campbell McKie and his team, including the marvelous Muskateers, the Yacht Club management and staff, Larry Charette and members of the Fire Department, greeters Dan and Kitty Patrick, Tom and Linda Mohns, Ray Bonnenberg, Jim Fraser, Mayor Bob Sweet, Colonel Bob McBride and all the other speakers who were brief and to the point.

We cannot say enough positive things about our military Base personnel for their usual wonderful co-operation and help. We thank all of you very much.

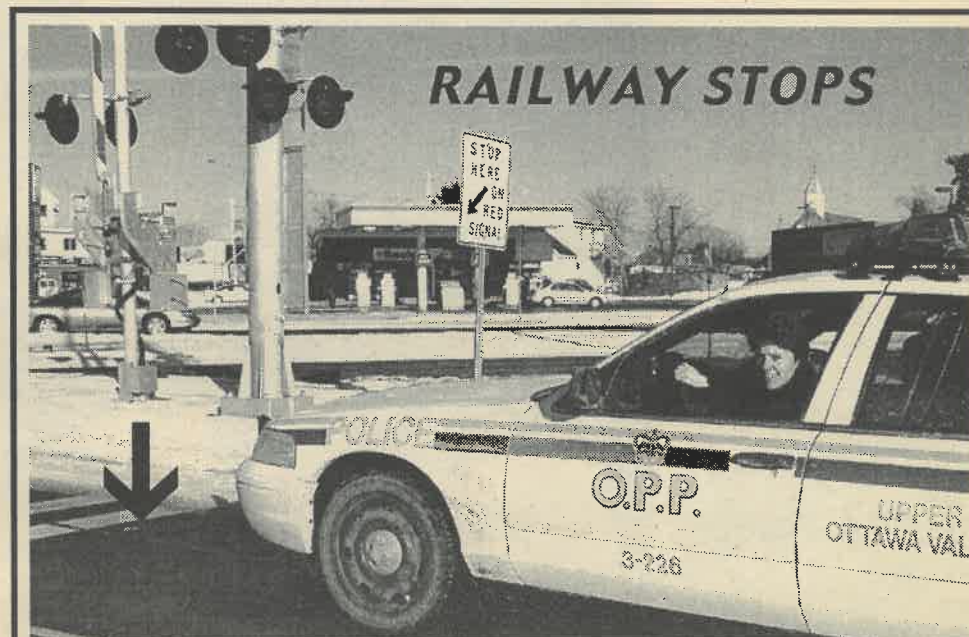
Mark Saturday, June 14, 2003, on your calendars. On this day, we will mark the completion of the first twelve kiosks and create the official kick-off for the newest committee, the group from both sides of the Ottawa River from Montreal to New Liskeard, who will

form the Heritage Citizens Committee to arrange for official heritage status designation for this historic river.

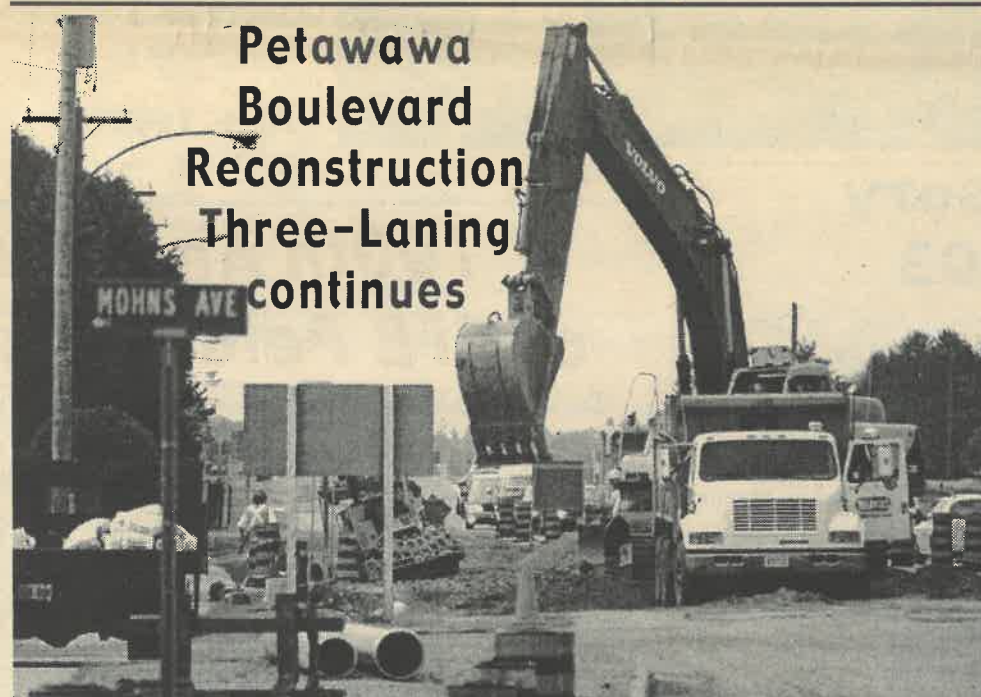
The Town of Petawawa

and Natural Resources have applied for more kiosk funding. If approved, we will celebrate their future erection as well.

Well done, everyone. Join us in June and stick with us for the next major events. For more information, please contact me.



The O.P.P. advise that the correct place to stop at the intersections of Doran and Murphy Roads BEFORE crossing the tracks and WHEN the traffic signal light is RED is at the painted heavy mark. O.P.P. Community Services Officer Beth Ethier demonstrates the stopping location in the above photo.



As a continuing commitment by the County of Renfrew to upgrade and maintain Petawawa Boulevard, construction will take place this year on the section between Mohns Avenue and Murphy Road.

This project, with a price tag of approximately \$1.2 million will include a massive storm water drainage handling solution, upgrading of the water and sewer infrastructure, installation of curbs, gutters, new sidewalks and the re-aligning of the intersection at Murphy and Civic Centre corners. It is anticipated that barrier gates at the Murphy Road crossing will also be installed depending on Rail Link's budget approval.

Construction is expected to begin in May and last for approximately 3 to 4 months.

Council is working with the County engineering department to minimize the inconveniences to all affected businesses in that area.

As you can appreciate, a project of this scope will cause a lot of changes. Please be assured that every effort will be made to minimize disruptions during this period.

Thank you for your patience as we go through this growing, exciting and rejuvenating upgrade for the Town of Petawawa.



Campbell McKie
Recreation Director

New Playground

This year we will be building a new play-structure at the Petawawa Civic Centre that is accessible to the disabled. The surface will be a giant rubber mat, strong enough to support a wheelchair. Cabin Fever has committed their 2003 proceeds to this worthwhile addition to the Civic Centre complex.

\$10,000.00 have been pledged by the Petawawa Civic Centre Fundraising Committee and we are in discussions with the Greater Petawawa Civitan Club about the possibility of them becoming partners in this exciting opportunity.

The Civic Centre is the most ideal location for an accessible playground as the washrooms are accessible and there is always staff on duty. The existing Civic Centre play-structure will be moved to Kramer's Korner to replace the last pressure treated structure in the Town of Petawawa.

The Parks and Recreation Department is also in the process of identifying partners for the future creation of a very colorful and exciting water splash pad at the Civic Centre. Petawawa Civic Centre Fundraising Committee and Civic Centre Days are both committed to this possible expansion at the Civic Centre and we are approaching other possible partners in this ambitious undertaking.

The Civic Centre staff and Council are hard at work ensuring that the Civic Centre remains a premiere recreation facility that meets the need of our residents and is a source of community pride. Anyone who is interested in learning more or becoming involved can contact the Recreation Director - Campbell McKie at 687-5678.

PINERIDGE PARK OUTDOOR SKATING RINK

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fresh air on the area's largest outdoor rink.

Located behind OPP Headquarters, the outdoor rink will be open as long as the weather permits. **Please note** that entry to the rink is off of Pineridge Crescent NOT through the OPP parking lot.

SHOWCASE 2003

Doug Stoneman and Frank Nash are gearing up for the 5th year of their fabulously famous SHOWCASE 2003 to be held April 25-27 at the Civic Centre. For more information on this great show, contact Doug at 732-9662 or Frank at 687-5863.

PETAWAWA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

This group, interested in all things historical, meets regularly to identify ways both to collect and showcase items of historical interest. They have recently secured space in the CFB Petawawa Museum to set up a Town display and they are working eagerly at identifying how best to highlight the Town's past. If you're someone who shares their passion, you may wish to join them.

For more information, please call Ann McIntyre at 687-5054.



Pembroke Horticulture Society President Elaine Metzger, Petawawa Horticultural Society member Gord Strathy and President Graham Nash

PETAWAWA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

This group of dedicated enthusiasts meet every second Monday in the Fund Raising Lounge of the Civic Centre to discuss the pleasures of gardening and share ideas and plans for the growing season. The group will contribute to the Town's beautification plans by planting \$1500 in new trees this Spring. Each year, the Society holds their Garden Contest where area gardeners have a chance to display their true "green thumbs".

The Society always welcomes new members.

Please call the group's secretary - Doris Strathy at 687-5435 for more information.

SILVER THREADS

The club is open to all Seniors age 55 and over in Renfrew County. The Club meets regularly at the Lions Hall-1163 Victoria Street - for a variety of day and evening social and recreational activities. Dances, special dinners, annual teas and day trips are organized on a regular basis.

Please call Dorothy at 687-6574 for further information.

COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

The motto of the Community Policing Group is - Crime Prevention Through Community Involvement. This very active civilian group of interested citizens works closely with the OPP to promote a safe and crime free community.

Through a variety of programmes the Committee encourages residents of all ages to be aware of ways to promote their own safety and ultimately their quality of life.

Committee members are involved in a variety of Community sponsored activities. They participate in a supportive capacity in the Santa Claus Parade and the Pitch-In Petawawa Spring Clean-up project, Police Week, SHOWCASE, Seatbelt surveys. The Committee sponsors the annual Bicycle Safety Campaign to maintain youth bicycle safety through the summer months.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee and would like to get involved in promoting community safety, please contact President Rawleigh McRae at 687-5162.

PETAWAWA BLOCK PARENT PROGRAM

Block Parents are responsible adults who care sufficiently about the well being of children and others to volunteer their homes as a temporary refuge in an emergency.

The distinctive red and white Block Parent window sign in the window of a home, tells children, seniors and others that help is at hand if they are lost, frightened, or in distress.

If you have a few hours a week or a month when you are home and could display a sign, especially during the evening hours or on weekends and holidays, you may wish to become a Block Parent.

Applications can be obtained at the Town office or by calling the Chairperson - Cindy Roy at 687-4183 or Bill Ramsey at 687-1933.



The Town of Petawawa Block Parent Committee (left to right) Bill Ramsey - Treasurer, Sgt Mark Evans - Sign Control Rep, Cindy Roy - Committee Chair, Const Beth Ethier - Ontario Provincial Police Liaison, and Ian Husk - Supplies Rep.

By-Laws Facts:

Notes from Dave Newton, Animal Control/By-law Officer

1. WATERING of lawns and gardens.

- Confined to the hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Under review)
- The by-law is in effect the entire year
- Property owners with wells are not subject to the by-law

2. OUTDOOR BURNING is only allowed:

- where indicated by lot size and location
- between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am
- after a permit has been obtained from the Municipal Offices

3. POOLS:

- all pools over 18 inches deep must be fenced in with an approved fence. Contact the Chief Building Official at the Municipal offices for details.

4. ANIMAL CONTROL:

- animal tags are to be affixed to the animals collar and on the animal when off of the owner's property
- all dogs and cats are to have a yearly rabies vaccination
- all dogs and cats are to be under control at all times when off of the owner's property - this means: on a leash (not exceeding 6 feet), or in a carrier or kennel
- all incidents where a dog or cat has bitten or scratched a person, other than the owner or owner's family, regardless of severity, is to be reported to the Animal Control Officer
- tags are to be purchased yearly

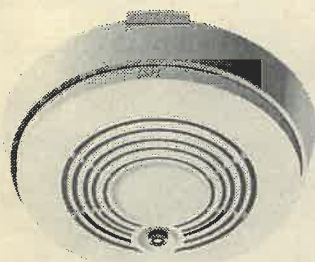
You can contact the Animal Control/Bylaw Officer at his office at 687-8438 or by calling his cell phone number 639-0211.

The complete text of all by-laws can be obtained at the Municipal Offices.

SMOKE DETECTORS: *They're a Matter of Life and death*

Here are some fire safety tips from the Underwriters Laboratories of Canada and endorsed by your Fire department:

- Install one smoke alarm on each level of the house, preferably on the ceiling away from corners. One should be near the sleeping areas.



- Don't install units in kitchens or bathrooms where they are likely to give false alarms because of steam and smoke from cooking
- Test the alarm at least twice a year with smoldering string or smoke from a freshly extinguished candle or match.
- Test the battery once a month by pushing the button on the unit
- Replace the batteries at least once a year. Try to have a special date that you do this on so you will remember (e.g. A birthday or other holiday)
- Have an escape route that you would use in the event of a fire and talk to your family about it.
- If you can't run out the front door, have a plan for climbing out a window

- Never go back inside a burning building.

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE or ADVICE WITH SMOKE DETECTORS PLEASE CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU.**

Firefighter Combat Challenge July 5, 2003



by **Larry Charette, Town of Petawawa Fire Chief**

The Town of Petawawa Fire Department is very happy to announce that they will be hosting the 2003 Regional Firefighter Combat Challenge at the Petawawa Civic Centre on Saturday July 5, 2003.

It was created as a spirited, friendly competition to highlight the level of fitness required to perform the job, demonstrate to the outside world the nature of the job and showcase the kind of people who place themselves in harm's way to protect life and property.

It is expected that there will be 150 to 200 competitors and approximately 2000 to 3000 spectators throughout the day.

The Town of Petawawa Fire Department will be looking for sponsors to help defer the costs of hosting the Challenge. Firefighters will be visiting all businesses to ask for their support in the great endeavor to make it a successful event for the Town.

If you wish to sponsor the Fire Department through a donation, please call 687-4759 or 687-8000 and leave a message and the Committee will return your call.

We encourage all residents of Petawawa and the surrounding area to come out on Saturday July 5, 2003 and support this event. Bring the whole family; there will be all kinds of activities going on throughout the day.

The Challenge mirrors the demands of the job and is a true embodiment of the essence of fire fighting - an urgent race against any firefighters most mortal enemy: Time!

The Challenge has its roots in a university based research study funded by the U.S. Fire Administration. After a year of research and analysis, fire tasks highly reminiscent of actual fire scene activities and were deemed the most applicable for a criterion task test. This physical ability test ultimately evolved into the origin of the Challenge.

New Legislation For Septage Disposal

The 'NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ACT' recently introduced by the Ontario Government to address issues identified as a result of the Walkerton disaster will present major challenges to all rural municipalities in Ontario.

Of particular importance is the regulation that will totally ban the spreading of septage on fields by the end of 5 years. This means that the sludge that is pumped from a septic tank must be disposed of in a new way. Currently, septage is disposed of by spreading on fields. At this time, the ban only applies

to spreading during winter months.

2000 or more residents of Petawawa have septic tanks and will thus be affected by this legislation.

If you have a septic tank, please make every effort to ensure its pumping is done during the non-winter months.

Depending on usage, maintenance pumping should be done every couple of years. The contents of tanks which have to be pumped during the winter and early spring period have to be transported out of the County for disposal and this can be a very expensive proposition. Summer is also a good time to have an installer eval-

uate the status of your tank and weeping bed. It is a good idea to also find out and make a diagram (with measurements) of where your tank and drainage bed is located. Various contractors and installers are listed in the local phone directory.

Your Council has been proactive with this challenge and continues to work with various neighbouring municipalities and other partners and agencies to develop an acceptable and financially feasible solution to this very important issue.

TAX RATES FOR RENFREW COUNTY

Taxes and how much we pay are a constant source of concern for all us.

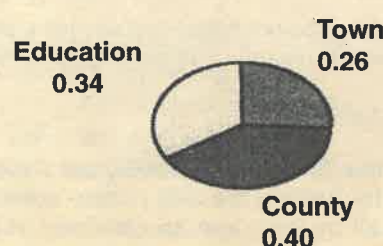
You might be interested in seeing the tax rate position for the Town of Petawawa compared to all other municipalities in Renfrew County. Only those of Head, Clara and Maria have a lower tax rate factor.

These 2002 figures have been obtained from the County of Renfrew Administration Offices. These numbers, when multiplied by the assessed value of your property (set by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.) equal the amount of money we collect for Town purposes.

If you have questions regarding your property assessment, you can make enquiries or appeals by calling the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-6722.

TOWN OF PETAWAWA 2002 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS QUICK FACTS

WHERE EACH TAX DOLLAR GOES



MUNICIPALITY	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL
Head, Clara & Maria	0.000834	0.001514
Town of Petawawa	0.002699	0.004898
Laurentian Valley	0.002902	0.005267
Greater Madawaska	0.003185	0.005781
Brudenell, Lyndoch, Raglan	0.003267	0.005929
McNab-Braeside	0.003423	0.006213
Admaston-Bromley	0.003838	0.006965
Whitewater Region	0.004087	0.007417
Rolph Buchanan Wylie	0.004495	0.008157
Horton	0.004712	0.008551
North Algona	0.005300	0.009619
Bonnechere Valley	0.005397	0.009794
Madawaska Valley	0.006327	0.011482
Killace/Hagarty/Richards	0.006455	0.011714
Town of Renfrew	0.009411	0.017078
Town of Arnprior	0.009541	0.017314
Town of Deep River	0.009978	0.018107

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ...

Q - Where do I get an OHIP card?

A - An OHIP card is available through: 1-888-314-4442

Q - What is the population of the Town?

A - 15,043 (North Townsite: 4,279, South Townsite: 1,842, Town: 8,992)

Q - Who can I call regarding school issues such as busing, etc.?

A - Renfrew County District School Board:
1270 Pembroke Street West
Pembroke, Ontario, K8A 4G4
735-0151

Renfrew County Catholic
District School Board:

499 Pembroke Street West,
Pembroke, Ontario, K8A 5P1
735-1031

Q - What are the phone numbers for my MP and MPP?

A - Cheryl Gallant, MP: 732-4404; Sean Conway, MPP: 735-6627

Q - Who can I call to discuss the Town drinking water in my neighborhood?

A - Public Works at 687-2692.
Quarterly reports regarding water quality are available at the Municipal offices.
For inquiries related to other or well-supplied water, contact the Renfrew County & District Health Unit at 735-8666

Q - Does my neighborhood receive leaf pick-up?

A - There is a bulk garbage and leaf pick up every spring and fall. Details are published in all local newspapers leading up to the dates and specify details of the pick up.

Q - My streetlight is burnt out or doesn't work. How do I report this?

A - Report any street light outages to municipal staff. You will need to provide the pole number and location of the pole.

Q - Who do I contact regarding social assistance / welfare?

A - Ontario Works
141 Lake Street, Pembroke,
Ontario K8A 5L8
732-2601

Q - I am a new resident. Where can I get a blue box?

A - Blue boxes may be obtained from the Town of Petawawa municipal office. The fee is \$6.00 per box (blue boxes are meant to be kept by the purchaser).

Q - When will my garbage be picked up in the event of a holiday?

A - With the exception of Christmas, garbage pickup does not alter on holidays. Any changes are published in all local papers leading up to the holiday season.

Q - What are the hours of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre?

A - At present, the hours are Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m and Sat. 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Q - How do I dispose of a large item such as a stove, fridge, washing machine, etc.?

A - At present, these items may be disposed of at the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre located on Wito Station Road in the Township of Laurentian Valley. (Take B-Line Road south from Highway 417 and turn right on Wito Station Road - plenty of signage). Tipping fees will be applied at the site.

Q - Does the Town recognize special wedding anniversaries or birthdays?

A - The Town recognizes Petawawa residents celebrating 50th, 55th, and 60th wedding anniversaries and or 90th, 95th and 100th + birthdays with a certificate from the Mayor's office. Requests for recognition should be forwarded, in writing, to the municipal office at least 3 weeks prior to the event.

Q - Can we take wedding pictures at Centennial Park?

A - With pleasure. No permits or fees are necessary but a policy of first come - first served is in effect.

Q - Where can I get a passport?

A - Passport applications may be obtained from the local post office or most travel agencies. To expedite processing, you may drop your completed application off at your local Member of Parliament's office (Cheryl Gallant). Applications are usually processed and returned within 10 days. However, since the events of September 11th, processing takes between 20 - 25 days. In the event of an emergency, please include a copy of your travel itinerary (airline tickets, etceteras). Hand deliver your application in an unsealed envelope to the local constituency office.

Q - Where can I get a Social Insurance number (SIN)?

A - You can apply for a SI number at Human Resources Development Canada at 141 Lake Street in Pembroke.

Q - Do I have to get my cat or dog registered?

A - Dog and Cat licenses may be obtained from the municipal office. Fees are as follows:

Sterilized dog: \$15.00 Unsterilized dog: \$20.00 Sterilized cat: \$5.00 Unsterilized cat: \$10.00

Proof of rabies vaccine is required.

Q - Who is responsible for picking up after dogs?

A - The Animal Control By-Law states that dog owners or their handler are responsible for cleaning up after their dog. The fine for a first offence is \$65.00.

Q - How quickly will my street be sanded or plowed after a snowfall?

A - During or after a snowfall, major roads and collector routes are cleared first to ensure that emergency vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances can travel safely. All other Town roads are cleared and or salted within 24 hours of a snowfall. With heavy snowfalls or successive storms, the timing may have to be extended depending on the severity of the snowfall. If you require more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 687-2692.

Q - Where can I get information about starting a small business?

A - The Economic Development office would be pleased to assist you. Please call Karen Fischer at 687- 5536.

Q - What is the address of the Town Municipal Offices?

A - The Town of Petawawa, 1111 Victoria Street,
Petawawa, Ontario, K8H 2E6,
Open Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Telephone - 613-687-5536

Q - Where do I get a marriage license?

A - Contact either the City of Pembroke or the Town of Deep River Municipal Offices.

Q - Where do I get an application for a birth certificate?

A - Town of Petawawa municipal office.

Q - Where do I find a Commissioner of Oaths?

A - The Town of Petawawa presently has 4 employees who can act as Commissioners of Oaths.

Q - Is there a fee to have a document commissioned?

A - No. We are pleased to provide this as a public service.

Q - Where do I find a Notary Public?

A - Only lawyers in the Province of Ontario are Notary Publics.

Q - Can I pay my property taxes on-line?

A - They are payable through telephone banking with the following financial institutions: Bank of Montreal, CS CO-OP, Northern Credit Union, RBC Royal Bank, Scotia Bank and TD Canada Trust.



By: Elizabeth Kenrick, Public
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The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC) is a state of the art waste management facility located in the Township of Laurentian Valley and began operation in January 2002. It includes a Material Recovery Facility, a Centralized Composting Facility, a Leaf and Yard Waste Windrow pad, a Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling area, a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Depot, two waste oil transfer stations and a Landfill. The Centre serves a population of 40,000 and its goal is to reach a diversion rate of 65%.

The Centre's mission statement is "to walk lightly on the environment". A participation study in the summer of 2002 has shown that our community has assisted the Centre in honouring its mission statement. On average 65% of us use the blue box for container and fibre recycling. Green cart participation is 62% in all communities with a slightly lower usage in rural areas which is not uncommon since these residents have been backyard composting for some time. Curbside surveys were conducted to see if participating residents are properly sorting their recyclable or organic material before placing it out for collection. The results are exceptional. Both the blue box and green cart material are properly sorted 92% of the time.

As of December 11th, 2002 approximately 7,550,000 kilograms of waste has been diverted from landfill. This is comprised of 3,450,000 kilograms of organics, 2,700,000 kilograms of recyclables, and 1,400,000 kilograms of construction and demolition material have been diverted from the landfill.

While we are doing well, the numbers show we can do better. The more residents that participate in the program the longer we can make our landfill last. As well, here are few common issues and resolutions:

- Paper coffee cups (like Tim Horton's), frozen juice cans and Pringle chip cans are not recyclable and must be put in the regular garbage

- Milk/juice cartons and drinking juice boxes are container recyclables not paper

- Styrofoam should not go in the green cart. If clean and it has a triangle with a number 6, it can go with the container recyclables

- No plastic is to be put in the green cart since plastic does not compost! Plastic bags of food scraps become waste during the process.

- Clothing cannot go in the green cart. If it is usable/saleable clothing, it can be donated to your local thrift store or it can be placed in a clear bag and put out with your recyclables on either collection week.

All in all residents are doing exceptionally well for a brand new program. Keep up the good work and let's help each other Walk Lightly on the Environment!

If you have any questions regarding the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre please call 613-735-7537.

FEEDBACK FROM LAST EDITION

One of the responsibilities that elected officials have is to communicate with the residents of their community throughout their term of office. Your Council tries to do this through a variety of ways. Last year, we used a newspaper format to see how it met your needs.

We hoped to highlight some of the events of the past year, and give you some information on some of Council's plans and projects on your behalf.

We used this forum as well to help you know a little more about how your municipality works and the staff who provided the services to you.

As the Mayor stated, the first edition was received very favourably by the majority of people. However, this type of reporting style does not meet everyone's needs. It is certainly understandable that different people enjoy different ways of receiving information or prefer not to receive any at all.

The following is a synopsis of the comments, both pro and con. Because the comments were anonymous, it is impossible to clarify or respond personally.

However, we thank all of you who took the time to evaluate our first reporting efforts and we will try to incorporate your constructive comments wherever possible. We continue to seek your feedback.

PRO

1. What a great idea. It's about time. Definitely continue with it.
2. Most definitely continue. I have been here only 3 months and have learned a lot about events. Please don't stop. I would pay for this service if a fee were charged.
3. Very good. Continue with it.
4. A fine start. Would like upcoming events section, interesting Town services, historical section.
5. You can never be too informed. Thank you for asking our input.
6. "Yes" - continue with it. Likely very helpful to new residents.
7. "A very good idea. Liked the idea of introducing the employees of Petawawa and advising the work that has been done and going to do"

8. Yes - this is very informative and the description of the jobs everyone does is informative and easy to relate to. Try it for a time"

9. No - don't cancel it. Would like to see more heritage news of Petawawa - who were the settlers, stories from them - where they lived. Loved pictures and articles of the service and protection members."

10. "Yes - informs the community of "Who's who" - their functions and how they may be contacted. Gives good cross-section into infrastructure of Town. Continue with it provided it does not duplicate the Petawawa Post or News."

CON

1." Reduction of taxes not due to smart management by Council or staff. Your article re: are you ready for an emergency? -Is the Town ready? Does Council/staff have a plan?" No need for this 12 pages. Number five comes after four. Questions the same. Yes - cancel it."

2. "Cancel it. Too much useless information about Councilors and staff. It has though proven useful to wrap garbage in!. What did this cost? Real figures. Two number 4's -where was quality control? Better you should have told us - is the Town ready (for an emergency)? Does it have a plan?"

3. "No need to showcase Councilors and staff... Would not support more of this political posturing and babble gaffle. What did this cost? Yes- cancel it"

4. "How presumptuous of Council to think that taxpayers want biographies of staff and Council. How much did this cost? Provide the real costs, not those fudged figures. One would think it's election year. I do not need mug shots to tell me the majority of staff lack professional training. As for Council members, sheep don't need much training. Keep to the facts. No bios - they are nauseous. Is the Town ready for an emergency? Do you have a plan? Two questions the same. Is that why you have two numbers the same? Yes, yes, yes, - cancel it"

5. "Who cares, who cares, who cares?"
"Waste of taxpayer's money. Stop it. Is the Town ready? (for an emergency)"

- Options 2003 - "It's In Your Hands"

* Options 2003 is a skilled trades fair that will be held April 4th and 5th, 2003 at the Petawawa Civic Centre to promote career opportunities in the trades to young people and their parents.

* This two-day event will be staged in conjunction with the Renfrew County Regional Science Fair that will also be held at the Civic Centre on April 5th, 2003.

* Students from grades 7-11 from schools across Renfrew County will be bused to Options 2003 on Friday, April 4th. The event will be open to the general public on both days.

* Interactive employer displays will allow youth to experience what each trade offers and to ask questions about career opportunities in specific professions.

* Select students will be competing in a skills competition with the winners representing Renfrew County at a larger provincial skills competition.

* This event supports the Province of Ontario mandate to increase the number of people entering the trades and is an extension of the significant work being done through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, the Apprenticeship Branch of MTCU and the Job Connect Program, which are partners in supporting apprenticeship initiatives.

* More information on Options 2003 can be found under the apprenticeship section of the following website:

www.algonquincollege.com/jobconnect

* For additional information, call Options 2003 co-ordinator Michelle Keddy at 633-1555, or options2003@netscape.net



SMOKING BAN

A recently passed TOWN policy prohibits smoking at all child, youth and teen events or at events designed primarily for children and where parents would accompany children in all municipally - owned facilities.

Organizers and promoters of such events will be required to promote these events as being "smoke-free".

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