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Message From The Mayor, Bob Sweet



On behalf of Council and Staff, I extend warm wishes to all. 2007 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Town of Petawawa, which will be officially celebrated on July 1st, Canada Day.

It is hard to believe that 10 years has passed so quickly! It is hard to believe that Council and Staff have achieved so much in what feels like such little time. I thank all residents for their input and assistance in making our Town a great place in which to live.

As members of Council, we hold a position of trust and have an obligation to face the challenges and concerns of our residents as efficiently as possible. I believe this has been achieved and commit to continuing to do so. Accordingly, the following are issues which are being addressed:

- we will continue to lobby for a permanent funding model for Provincial and Federal gasoline tax. With this funding, we will be able to sustain the capital for the Town's roads, bridges, side-walks and culverts;

- we will continue to

seek a viable solution for septage;

- we will pursue options to access broadband internet service for all areas of the community;

- we will review and update, where necessary, plans for accessibility, business retention and expansion, recreation, fire and infrastructure. We will follow these plans to ensure the Town will continue to prosper;

- we will complete the zoning by-law to complement our new Official Plan.

- Over the past 3 years, the Town has faced concerns regarding health

issues. Under the guidance and in partnership with CFB Petawawa, a much needed Family Health Centre has been established (the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre). It is evident that there is a major requirement for a second site and we will continue to assist with this endeavor. This site will further assure the health care needs for our community and;

- we will continue to address the urgent needs of our community, as they arise.

Partnerships have been our success in the past and partnerships will continue

to be our success in the future. We will continue to work with our neighbouring municipalities and with CFB Petawawa to seek out viable arrangements to meet the economical and social needs of our community.

Welcome home to our soldiers returning from Afghanistan and thank you for a job well done. For those who are presently deployed, a speedy and safe return home. You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

In closing, I thank LCol Dave Rundle, Base Commander, for all his hard work and dedication



while posted in Petawawa. LCol Rundle will move on to a new posting this summer, but, as with his predecessors, he will leave the Base and the Town of Petawawa a better place. I especially recognize his enormous efforts in establishing the Petawawa

Centennial Family Health Centre. All the best to you in your future endeavors.

Here is to a Happy 10th Anniversary to all and many more to come!

Bob Sweet
Mayor
Town of Petawawa

Message From The Base Commander, LCol Dave Rundle

As I come to the end of my tenure as the Base Commander I have taken time to reflect on my time in Petawawa. In all aspects, my tour as Base Commander has been a truly rewarding experience which has been highlighted by several events, each of which points to the outstanding relationship which the base enjoys with the Petawawa community.

The three events which had the biggest impact on me during my tour as Base Commander were the Base Centennial Celebrations, the opening of the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre and the recent deployment of our soldiers to Afghanistan.

In each of the above three events, the community support has been nothing short of outstanding. As we all remember in years past, the base was an island unto itself; however, this has changed dramatically as our soldiers have moved into the surrounding communities and we have invited members of the local communities onto the base to share our facilities, participate in our events and, over time, develop a common sense of belonging to one large community that works together, plays together and provides a helping hand when required.

I leave CFB Petawawa this summer very secure in the fact that the excellent relations that were built up and developed by previous Base Commanders are still in place and now very much a part of the tapestry that makes a soldier's life in this area that much better. I am

very comfortable handing my job over to my successor secure in the fact that support from the local communities is there if and when required.

I will be handing over the position of Base Commander to LCol Bill Moore who has previously been employed within the base headquarters as the Base Construction Engineering Officer. He is very familiar with the base and the surrounding area. We will conduct our Change of Command parade on Thursday 28 June 2007.

In summary, I would like to thank the members of the community who came forward to celebrate in the good times, but more importantly also stepped forward to offer assistance and support to all of our soldiers during the rough times. I have been heartened and humbled by the level of generosity of our community partners. Again, thank you for an excellent three years. I leave the position of Base Commander a much better person for having known the kindness and generosity of the great people of the Upper Ottawa Valley.



D.A. Rundle
Lieutenant Colonel
Base Commander
CFB Petawawa



News From The Building Inspectors



Randy Mohns

**We keep on
growing
and
growing
and
growing...**



Richard Bechamp

BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR 2006

BUILDING PERMITS

Total Construction and Demolition Permits Issued	308
Total Estimated Value	\$21,945,791.00
Total Fees Collected	\$ 102,872.32

BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

TYPE	NUMBER	VALUE	FEES
Single Family Dwelling	92	\$16,871,000.00	\$73,697.90
Addition/Alteration	49	901,882.00	6,561.33
Single Family Dwelling Demolition	2	40,000.00	70.00
Commercial	2	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 1,527.85
Commercial Addition/ Alterations	5	\$ 323,000.00	\$ 1,613.40
Remaining Permits	158	\$ 3,654,909.00	\$19,401.84
Totals	308	\$21,945,791.00	\$102,872.32

Q: Does a shed require a building permit?

A: A shed under 10 square meters or 108 square feet does not require a building permit but it must comply with the zoning set back from the property lines. You can contact Karen Cronier, Planning Technician regarding property line set backs and the Building Department, Richard or Randy regarding the Ontario Building Code.

ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS

Q: Does my septic system have to be considered when building an addition?

A: When adding a bedroom or new fixtures (i.e. sink, toilets, etc.) an improvement may be required to the septic system, unless it was designed with the additional capacity required in the tank and bed for the additional bedroom or fixtures.

The following is designed for homeowners and will help ensure that their systems function properly and maximize the lifetime of the system.

- Make sure that your system meets legal requirements before installing, repairing or upgrading an onsite sewage system. In Petawawa the Building Department is responsible for septic systems and installation is permitted under the sewage Disposal Regulation of the Health Act. Contact your local Municipality for permits for repairs, improvements, installations and further information.
- Sketch a map of your septic system showing the location of all components and keep it with your maintenance and repair records. This will make maintenance easier and be useful to future owners.
- Keep your septic tank cover accessible for inspections and pumpings. Install risers if necessary.
- Have your system inspected annually to ensure that it is working properly and to determine when it should be pumped out. By inspecting and pumping your system regularly you can prevent high repair or replacement costs. A professional can do a thorough inspection of the entire system including the disposal field and individual components of the system.
- Pump out the tank regularly to prevent accumulating solids and clogging the disposal field. The frequency of pump outs will depend on the size of your system, the number of people in the house and the habits of those individuals. A general rule is once every three to five years.
- Upgrade your system when you upgrade your home (i.e. when you add a bedroom or suite).
- Practice water conservation. Continual saturation of the disposal field can affect the quality of the soil and its ability to naturally remove contaminants. The following will help you to use water wisely: repair any leaking faucets or running toilets; use dishwashers and washing machines only when full; avoid letting the water run when washing or brushing your teeth; avoid taking long showers and install water-saving features in faucets and shower heads; install low-flush toilets or put a toilet dam (e.g. brick) in the tank to reduce the capacity of the tank; space out activities requiring heavy water use, like laundry, over several days; divert roof drains, surface water and sump pumps away from the disposal field; and don't saturate your disposal field with automatic sprinklers.
- Avoid using garburators – this will reduce the amount of solids and grease you put into the system.
- Don't use toilets as trash cans – this will reduce the amount of solids and grease you put into the system. Items that should not be flushed include: coffee grounds, disposable diapers, personal hygiene products, cigarette butts, fat, grease and oil, kitty litter, paper towels or facial tissue, dental floss.
- Don't put toxic chemicals (paints, varnishes, thinners, waste oils, photographic solutions or pesticides) down the drain because they can kill the bacteria at work in your system and can contaminate water bodies.
- Use biodegradable household cleaners instead of bleach or other hazardous products (which will kill the good bacteria in your system).
- Do not use toilet cleaners that are placed in the tank.
- Avoid flushing pet waste into the system – bury them away from the drain field instead.
- Do not drive, pave or put heavy objects or machinery over the septic system and disposal field. Do not cover the disposal field with a hard surface such as concrete or asphalt since evaporation will be prevented. This area should only have a grass cover which will prevent erosion and help remove excess water.

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TOWN TIMES EDITORS:

Content for the articles in this fifth edition of the *Town Times* have been solicited and collected by the ad hoc "Newspaper Committee", consisting of Councillors Joe Park, Theresa Sabourin and Cy Steele. All errors in typing, numbering and counting are theirs and they apologize in advance for any proof-reading oversights.

As novice newspaper people, they continue to learn the vagaries of the fourth estate.

Once again, it is produced with the exceptional assistance, advice and courtesy of the staff at the *Petawawa Post*. All homes in the Town should have received this newspaper as distributed by the *Petawawa Post*. Additional copies are available at the Town offices on 1111 Victoria Street.

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Walking lightly on the environment

The Town of Petawawa and the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC) are celebrating a special anniversary this year. It has been 5 years since local residents have been given the tools to walk lightly on the environment and the numbers show that by working together with our partner municipalities, we are making a difference by using the Blue Box, Yellow Triple R Can and Green Cart. In 2006, you kept 12,631 tonnes of material out of the landfill by recycling and composting.

In the Spring and Fall of 2006, random curbside audits were conducted in Petawawa on 40 households. Curbside audits involve an inspection of the community's recycling and organic material as well as other items out for collection. The information gathered provides the OVWRC with feedback on how the diversion programs are being received and how they can improve their communication materials to assist residents in diverting more material. Audits in Petawawa showed that the average participation rates were 69% for green carts, 84% for container recycling (Triple R Can) and 82% for paper recycling (blue box). On average each household placed 2.4 bags of garbage out every two weeks. While these are excellent numbers, we remind you to recycle and compost in all areas of your household and use all the tools provided by the OVWRC to assist you in increasing diversion.

One of these tools is the collection schedule which contains important information on Petawawa's Waste Management Program. The Collection Schedules are delivered by Canada Post every year in late March. Don't forget

to check your schedule for important dates such as: Spring Clean-Up, Mobile Hazardous or Special Waste Events and Leaf & Yard Waste Pick-Up dates. It is also a good idea to read the back of your schedule, which outlines the sorting and set-out requirements for all materials. You might be surprised that something you've been throwing away in the garbage can actually be recycled or composted.

One of the most frequently asked questions about collection is when Spring and Fall Clean-up takes place. This is the collection day you can dispose of large items such as furniture and scrap metal. To see a complete list of acceptable items and the guidelines for set-out please refer to your Collection Schedule.

If you missed a collection day or need to dispose of material before a special collection, visit the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre. The OVWRC accepts all materials including recycling, organics, household garbage, household items, scrap metal, renovation material, construction and demolition material, leaf & yard waste and Hazardous or Special Waste. Some items are free of charge, while others require you to pay a tipping fee. Call the Hotline for fees or check their website at www.ovwrc.com.

The official Five Year Anniversary celebrations will take place at the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre in June with tours of the operations and fun for the whole family. Watch your local papers for dates and times in the Spring.

We thank you for participating in your advanced waste diversion program. You are assisting the centre in achieving its' mission "To Walk Lightly on the Environment" and

the Town of Petawawa is helping the Centre reach its' 65% diversion goal as well as prolonging the life of the landfill. Keep up the good work!

For more information please visit www.ovwrc.com or call 613-735-7537.

Celebrating 5 years in waste education: Town of Petawawa, City of Pembroke, Township of Laurentian Valley, Township of North Algona Wilberforce and the Sebastopol Ward of Bonnechere Valley.



OVWRC mascots Toby the Triple R Can and Curby the Green Cart. (Post file photo)

IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

You will continue to hear this question asked over and over again by all levels of government. At the Municipal level the Town of Petawawa has implemented an Emergency Management Program as legislated by the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

The Town of Petawawa has written an Emergency Response Plan that will be activated should a significant emergency occur. It is however, everyone's responsibility to be prepared. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada recommends that every household be prepared and self sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours. If an emergency or disaster was to occur it may take emergency workers some time to help every household affected.

As part of being prepared it is important to

prepare an emergency kit. Many of the items you probably already have in your home. The key is to store the kit in a place that is easy to get to and easy to transport should you need to take the kit during an ordered evacuation. It is also important that all family members know where the emergency kit is stored.

The following outlines what can be found in a Basic Emergency Kit:

- water – at least two litres of water per person per day - include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order
- food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (remember to replace the food and water once a year)
- manual can-opener
- flashlight and batteries
- candles and matches or lighter (remember to place candles in sturdy containers

and to put them out before going to sleep)

- battery-powered or wind-up radio (and extra batteries)
- first aid kit
- special items such as prescription medications, infant formula and equipment for people with disabilities
- pet supplies
- extra keys for your car and house
- some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (travelers cheques are also useful) and change for payphones
- a copy of your emergency plan and contact information

Recommended additional items:

- a change of clothing and footwear for each household member
- sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member
- a whistle (in case you need to attract attention)

- garbage bags for personal sanitation
- toilet paper and other personal care supplies
- safety gloves
- basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, fasteners, work gloves)
- small fuel-driven stove and fuel (follow manufac-

turer's directions and store properly)

- two litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning

May 6 to May 12, 2007 is recognized as Emergency Preparedness Week. To recognize the importance of being prepared perhaps make it a family goal or project to prepare your own survival kit. Don't wait for

an emergency to happen make sure your family is ready for the unexpected.

For more information regarding Emergency Preparedness please call Karen Cronier, Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Petawawa, at (613) 687-5536 or e-mail kcronier@petawawa.ca.

Recreational and Open Air Burn Permit Process

1. Obtain a copy of By-Law #294/04 from either the municipal office or from the Town of Petawawa website. www.petawawa.ca
2. Read the terms and conditions contained in the By-Law. If you require any clarification please call the Fire Department business line at 613-687-4759.
3. Fill out the appropriate permit application form complete with sketch including dimensions or attach pictures.
4. Submit the application to the Town Office at 1111 Victoria Street, Petawawa, ON, K8H 2E6. Timings 8:30 - 4:30.
5. Allow seven to 10 days for site inspection and application to be processed.

What is Economic Development anyway?



Simply defined, economic development is any effort or undertaking which aids in the growth of the economy. Here in Petawawa, economic devel-

opment involves initiatives in several key areas including business development, tourism, marketing and beautification.

Through continual development in these key areas, we ensure that our community is positioned for both short and long term growth.

Over the past year we have seen steady growth in our community which can be attributed to several factors including workforce expansion at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. We had what we can call a 'banner year' with building permit values totaling almost 22 million

dollars, an increase of over 8 million dollars from 2005. With such a significant increase in housing comes the inherent need for an increase in services. The Economic Development Planning and Building departments continue to work with developers on commercial development within our town.

Tourism is another key area of economic development and great importance is placed on marketing all that the Town has to offer. We boast a proud history, an award winning trail system, the Petawawa and Ottawa Rivers and breathtaking scenery. Petawawa has partnered with the Ottawa

Valley Tourist Association to help brand the Ottawa Valley as the Whitewater Capital of Canada, and this niche marketing initiative will celebrate this region's unique whitewater features and increase the awareness of it on a national and international level. The Town of Petawawa is proud to be hosting some very exciting events in the coming months. The annual Quest for a Cure Adventure Race weekend will be held at CFB Petawawa from June 22nd to 24th, with proceeds benefiting the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation. More information can be found at www.questforacure.ca.

The All Ontario Pond Hockey Championships will be held at the Jubilee Lodge and marina from February 15th to 17th, 2008. This event will see over 100 teams from across the province represent four divisions. More information can be found at www.allontariopondhockey.ca.

The Economic Development Department has a busy year in store for 2007. Some planned projects include landscaping the newly improved Petawawa Point, updating our community profile as an important business attraction tool, continuing to seek an affordable solution to the high speed Internet gap in the Town and continuing to

work with local business people on a day to day basis to foster growth in our community.

For information or assistance, please contact Cyndy Phillips, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Petawawa at 613-687-5536 or by email at cphillips@petawawa.ca. And don't forget to check out the redesigned Petawawa website at www.petawawa.ca where you will find all sorts of helpful information. It's like having the Town Hall at your fingertips!

Cyndy Phillips
Economic
Development
Town of Petawawa

A year in the life of Petawawa's Parks and Recreation Department



Facility Upgrades

The Petawawa Civic Centre received a new brick facelift in 2007. Not only is the building more inviting to users and guests, the banquet hall was updated with a new paint job, new washroom vanities, new staging and the end of smoking in the facility. Things not only look better – they smell fresh and clean.

The addition of an industrial generator at the Civic Centre means the Town of Petawawa is the first Valley Community to develop an Emergency Shelter for residents.

The Civitan Playground witnessed the addition of a Mountain Climbing Rock, a Frog Water Play Feature and a new play structure for kids 2 to 10 years of age.

Parks Upgrades

In addition to the new play features at the Civic Centre, Centennial Park received a Fire Truck Play Station, and a new structure was built at Herman Street Public School.

For 2008 plans will be reviewed for playgrounds at Limestone Trail and Kramer's Forest. There will also be a review of all playgrounds to establish long-range upgrades. If you have any concerns please contact the Director of Parks and Recreation at 613-687-5678 ext. 21.

Petawawa Point

Landscaping and road improvements have done a great deal to improve the look of the Point. Paddleboats, canoes and kayaks are available for rent at the Point. For reservations call 613-687-2303.

Military Fitness Challenge

The Spring of 2007 will see the various Soldiers Fitness Challenges open to the Public. The Millennium Trail – Albert Street will see the Parachute, Search and Rescue, Joint Task Force and Recruit Trail Fitness Challenges.

The Dundonald Hall entrance will feature the 30-

km Iron Man Trail and the 13 km Battle Fitness Trail.

There are a total of 18 maps posted around town to help area residents and visitors locate trails located throughout Petawawa.

New Events

The All Ontario Pond Hockey Championships is scheduled for Feb 15-17 on the ice surface at Jubilee Lodge. With Cross Country ski rentals and the Snowmobile Headquarters at Jubilee Lodge, this promises to be a winter event of provincial significance with 120 teams anticipated.

Future Directions

The Civic Centre Staff will be conducting reviews on all operations to determine what kind of cuts are needed to hold the line. Also how the staff is to be organized to address future needs.

A big priority this year will be on volunteers – what is required for the future. Provincially the number of volunteers are reducing and steps have to be taken to protect this valuable resource which has always been a key to Petawawa's success.

It is time to meet with all our user groups and determine if there is a need for joint action on such issues as volunteers, bullying, training and updating facility allocation policies. There is very little happening in the way of major Capital Infrastructure.

2007 is a year for taking stock and ensuring our policies and procedures are updated. Emphasis will be on returning Parks and Recreation Facilities to "better than built".

Parks and Facilities

For the dog walkers in

our community, the Parks and Recreation department have installed and maintains Practica doggie bag holders (blue steel boxes) at 12 locations on the main trails and parks within the community.

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Last summer, the town's Parks and Recreation Department installed a playground at Centennial Park, dedicated to the Town of Petawawa Fire Department. Mayor Bob Sweet and Fire Chief Steve Knott did the honours to officially open the structure. (Post file photo)

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Petawawa Heritage Society



Another year - 2006 - has passed and we are still working hard towards the completion of our main project, Petawawa Heritage Village.

Phase I of the Village is almost completed: i.e. acquiring and clearing the land, building a parking lot and moving the first building - the 1892 schoolhouse. This could not have been accomplished without the help of the volun-

teers, Trillium, Renfrew County Futures Development Corporation, Town Council, and the staff of the Petawawa Civic Center. Included among those who deserve sincere appreciation are many residents of Petawawa who continue to donate artifacts and supply support for this project.

We will celebrate the completion of Phase I with the opening of the schoolhouse, on June 09, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. We invite the community to come out and share in our celebrations on that day.

Soon the work will begin on Phase II of this project. In April 2007, Vic Jackson will, once again take the reins as site manager and get the ball rolling with the clearing of more land and the beautification of the cleared area according to the design by Jp2g Consultants Inc, our planning consultants since the

conception of the Village.

Once the land is cleared, foundations for the next five buildings will go into place. At the moment we are looking for designs for the construction of an office and a public washroom on the site.

Plans for a pioneer home, a shanty and the train station will begin in the fall of 2007, and hopefully be in place for the spring of 2008. Negotiations for the materials and the construction are in progress now.

The Petawawa Heritage Society has been fortunate to become members of both the Renfrew County Museum Network and the Ontario Museum Association, and to hold a seat on the Museum Board of Governors at CFB Petawawa. With this network we have been able to solve some problems that arose; we sent a volunteer on a training course for managing artifacts

and applied for credited courses through the OMA for museum studies. We also had the opportunity to attend an information session on how to recruit and best utilize the skills of volunteers within an organization.

Fundraising, chaired by Frank Nash, has become a very important part of our agenda. We are planning to launch a 2008 calendar in June with the help of the students at General Panet High School. Postcards with vintage photos are also on the agenda. Frank is also organizing the committee to kick off the 5th annual golf tournament on June 3rd, 2007.

Thanks to volunteers Peter and Pat Wegner for their help in transporting our displays and picking up artifacts for the museum. They have faithfully provided our transport service for the past four years. Peter is also a resident train expert and is in the process of handing his huge collection of railway artifacts over to the Petawawa Heritage Society.

Two other members of our board - Hank Meister, our Treasurer, and Mary Richardson, our Secretary - are the backbone of the board. Without a skilled trea-

surer to look after taxes, GST, employee's salaries, and donations in kind, not to mention balancing the books each month, we would be in a sorry state. Mary came to our board two years ago and put her secretarial skills to work, much to our advantage.

Shirley Ross and Joan Farelli are also members of the board and provide us with information about old families of the community and events from days gone by. No society can survive without people who can remember events and research family lines within the community and Shirley and Joan have brought that expertise to our board.

We are fortunate to have Lois Hopkins serving on our board to provide a host of information about the old families of the community. Her wealth of knowledge is greatly appreciated. Our sincere condolences are extended to Lois on the loss of her beloved husband, Len.

We mourn the loss of this very special member and friend, Len Hopkins, known as a man who loved the Ottawa Valley and his home town, Petawawa, and one who would pass on vast amounts of knowledge and

expertise to anyone who sought him out. It may prove to be an almost impossible feat to find anyone to fill Len's place as consultant on our Board. He was a valuable asset to our Society, both in his capacity as historian and his expertise on how to work your way through official public departments. We will feel his loss extensively. Len Hopkins will be sadly missed by the board and members of the Petawawa Heritage Society both as a member and a friend.

In closing, we are looking forward to a very progressive and rewarding 2007, to the Grand Opening of the Phase I development of Heritage Village in June, and to the beginning of Phase II of the Petawawa Heritage Village. Our enthusiasm for this project grows as time goes by and we intend to keep going...and going...and going. Our dream is that the people of Petawawa, the residents of the Ottawa Valley and tourists to our area will start coming...and coming...and coming.

Ann McIntyre
President
Petawawa

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It has been a success to date and we hope citizens who are not pet owners notice and enjoy how clean our parks are because of this initiative.

2007 brought in the Smoke Free Ontario Act and along with non authorized alcohol drinking in public places.

These regulations require Town of Petawawa staff, the Ministry of Health and the Ontario Provincial Police to be vigilant in identifying and in some cases fining individuals who choose not to abide by these laws. Directives from OPP indicate more inspections and patrols will be initiated this year to reduce drinking in public places such as at Ball Fields and Waterfront. This is in keeping with their desire to reduce drinking and driving infractions and accidents.

Mark Reinert
Facilities Manager
Town of Petawawa

On-site sewage systems ... continued from page two

- Don't plant trees or shrubs near the drain field because their roots can damage or plug the pipes. Plant grass instead.
- Don't use septic 'starters', additives or similar products. These products usually do not help and can sometimes harm your system. Allow bacteria to act on their own.
- Use low-phosphate or phosphate detergents.
- Don't go down into a septic tank. Toxic gases are produced by the natural treatment processes in septic tanks and can kill in minutes. Extreme care should be taken when inspecting a septic tank, even when just looking in.

Note: In instances where your tank is growing older (5 years or more) or you are greatly depleting the bacteria levels in your

tank you should consider adding bacteria to your system. Consulting your septic technician can determine your need to start an additive program and which program will best suit the needs of your system.

Some of the instances where adding bacteria would be indicated are as follows:

1. If you use prescription medications or vitamins on a regular basis.
2. If you have a large family or more than 4 adults living in the home.
3. If you use excess acids, antiseptics, bleach, caustic drain openers, cleaning compounds, chlorine materials, disinfectants, lotions, medical residue, polishes, sink and tub cleaners, toilet cleaners.
4. Strong or offensive odors.



Celebrating the approval of a May 2006 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant application for \$30,900 are (left to right) Karen McDonald representing Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP Cheryl Gallant, Ontario Trillium Foundation grant review team member Kelley Whitman-McKie, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, Petawawa Heritage Society president Ann McIntyre, Petawawa councillor Cy Steele, Heritage Society treasurer Hank Meister, Heritage Village project manager Victor Jackson, collections manager Barbara Turcotte, Heritage Society public relations representative Frank Nash and secretary Mary Richardson.
(Post file photo)



Ron Gignac
Detachment Commander, UOV OPP

Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment OPP

As springtime is drawing closer to the Upper Ottawa Valley, we are all set to embark on a new season with new beginnings.

As I breathe in that beautiful spring fragrance and take in the picturesque landscape of the Upper Ottawa Valley, I thank God for the peace and serenity that we enjoy here...a peace and serenity that God has bestowed upon us.

My thoughts often drift to Afghanistan where our courageous men and women are bearing a tremendous weight to free that Country from the scourge of the Taliban oppressors and in turn, are making our blessed Canada safer for our children and for us. Canadians owe these steadfast, honourable servicemen/women and their families a great deal, for freedom is not free. It is fought for, prayed for and delivered by Canadians both great and small, with deeds of self-sacrifice, courageous leadership and steadfast dedication to their individual life calling.

To the men and women in our Canadian Forces, and to your families: Thank you. You are great Canadians as are those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice recently and in generations past. May God comfort you and keep you safe as you stand on guard for thee, for high station in life is earned by the gallantry in which appalling circumstances are survived with grace.

To our Federal, Provincial and Municipal Government Leaders in the Upper Ottawa Valley:

As a citizen of the Upper Ottawa Valley, I thank you for your honourable, dedicated service and integrity. I have been a resident of many areas across Canada, and submit that your integrity is most appreciated. When I use the word integrity, I mean soundness and moral principle. It is character as shown when dealing with others. It is sound honesty in the discharge of duty and trust.

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2006 County of Renfrew Lower Tier Residential Taxation

Ranking	Municipality	Residential/Farm
1	Head-Chester and Maria Tp.	0.00123029
2	Petawawa T	0.00270365
3	Greater Madawaska Tp.	0.00270142
4	Brudenel, Lyndoch & Raglan Tp.	0.00302537
5	Laurentian Valley Tp.	0.00318180
6	Mohab-Braeside Tp.	0.00334134
7	Admission - Bromley Tp.	0.00370310
8	Whitewater Region Tp.	0.00402548
9	Horton Tp.	0.00467727
10	North Algona-Wilberforce Tp.	0.00538273
11	Madawaska Valley Tp.	0.00632810
12	Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Tp.	0.00640106
13	Laurentian Hills T.	0.00695746
14	Donnacoche Valley M.	0.00717532
15	Ampner T.	0.00818097
16	Renfrew T.	0.00840637
17	Deep River T.	0.01057800

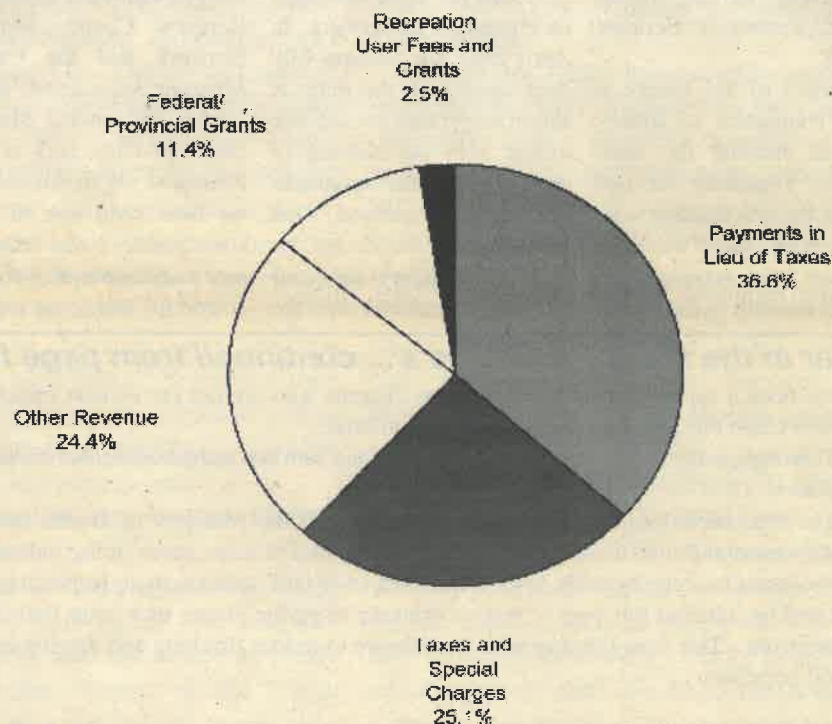
Source: Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Online Property Tax Analysis

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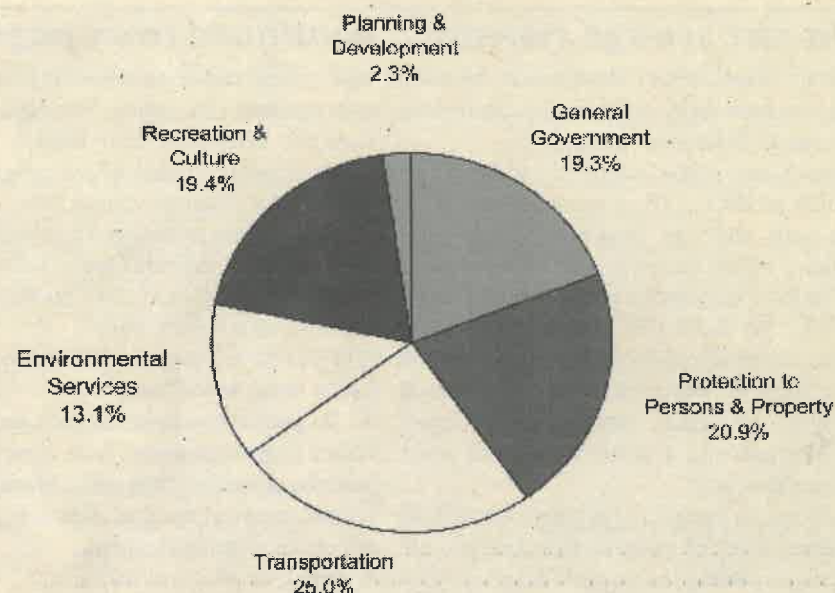
How to contact the Town Office: 613-687-5536

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Mitch Stillman	Ext 116
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk - Dan Scissons	Ext 114
Executive Assistant to CAO, Mayor and Council - Tina Spurrwell	Ext 126
Deputy Treasurer - Lynn Vaillancourt	Ext 117
Tax Collector - Ann Bain	Ext 104
Secretary/Receptionist - Kathy Pivato	Ext 101
Economic Development - Cyndy Phillips	Ext 108
Planning Technician/Emergency Management - Karen Cronier	Ext 115
By-Law Enforcement Officer - Dave Newton	Ext 120
Chief Building Official - Richard Bechamp	Ext 107
Building Inspector - Randy Mohns	Ext 122

2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUES \$10 601 097



2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES \$10 601 097



YOUR PETAWAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Carol Goldsmith
Chief Librarian, CEO

Well another year has passed and things just keep getting better. The library has seen growth in all areas. Through the auspices of a couple of grants we were able to hire a young lady to develop some much needed adult programming. It has been wonderful to watch the interest these programs have generated from people learning basic computers to the wrap up of the year with the festival of trees and a silent auction. It has proven to us that this is something which is a benefit to the community.

The library's big project in 2006 was the development

of the Library garden. This will be a fenced in garden accessible from the library with benches, a chess set, and many plants. This garden will take time and is being produced through donations and volunteer help. In the past year the fence was erected and soil, mulch and walkways laid out. Volunteers, Lynne Sawford, Ron Needham, Holly and Jim Watt and the staff of the Civic Centre, to name a few, helped spread the dirt and weed. In the Fall 300 tulips (a donation) were planted. We can hardly wait till spring to see what comes up.

The Library itself saw some changes in staffing. Ruth Murdock has left and Lynne Tweedie is now the Circulation Librarian and Dorry Ann Godin took over Lynn's position as Assistant Librarian. We were all very sorry to see Ruth leave but wish her well working in the London area.

The Library is hoping to achieve a few new things in the year 2007. We would like to see our catalogue

available online for public use and also be able to provide a computer strictly for reference work. The one other item we would like to look into is a booking program for the internet computers.

We look forward to another year of being an important part of the community.

Children's and Young Adult Department Year in Review

2006 was a great year for the children's and young adult department. The Teen Festival of the Arts were a success with extremely talented young adults entertaining us in a coffee house setting. Everything from ballet to rock bands was in the line-up. We also included a French night. Students displayed their artwork in a gallery like setting in the Rotary Room.

Many of the schools took time to visit us at the library. They enjoyed a tour, stories, and of course time to browse our wonderful selection of books.

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Are You In The Right Lane??

There have been a number of reports of driver confusion and very close encounters in the turn lanes at the corner of Doran Road and Petawawa Boulevard.

To prevent heart attacks (yours or others) and road rage:

If you're going west, make sure that you are in the left turning lane BEFORE the track crossing.

See the ARROWS in photo below and follow the directional arrows on the pavement.....



If you're going to Mohns Avenue or to the east, you must be in the right lane. Make sure you get into it, BEFORE the railway crossing- See the ARROW in the above picture and follow the directional arrows on the pavement.

STAY SAFE !!!



Governed by a community Board, the not - for - profit Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre was established in 2004 in response to the loss of 2 of Petawawa's three physicians.

The Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre opened in July 2005, with a mission to: provide primary health care to all of the people of Petawawa.

"Primary health care" is a new philosophy of health care provision and refers to the patient's first point of contact with a doctor or a health care team. It includes but is not limited to disease management and prevention, disease cure, rehabilitation, palliative care and health promotion.

Currently located at 12 Reichwald Crescent, the Family Health Centre was identified in the first round of 50 of the first 150 Family Health Teams to be established by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Designed to give doctors support from other complementary professionals, most Family Health Teams will consist of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners and other health care professionals who work collaboratively, each utilizing their experience and skills so that you receive the very best care, when you need it, as close to home as possible.

What will Family Health Teams mean to me?

Family Health Teams are patient - centred and you will have access to a number of primary health care services from a variety of team members, including your family doctor. For example, when fully staffed and functioning at its optimal capacity :

Your family doctor can continue to see you during regular office hours.

You will have access to other health care professionals within that Family Health Team, such as nurse practitioners, nurses, dietitians, social workers and pharmacists.

You will have access to a Family Health Team doctor during extended evening and weekend hours for urgent problems.

If you see another doctor in your Family Health Team for treatment, your own doctor will receive documentation about the nature of your problem so that he or she will always be up-to date about your medical condition.

If you need assistance after-hours, you will be able to telephone the Family Health Team Telephone Health Advisory Service where a registered nurse will provide advice about your urgent health care concerns.

With your permission, your doctor will receive a written summary of your call the next day, so that your doctor is informed of the nature of the problem and the advice you received.

Family Health Teams will be able to take advantage of specially funded information technology to organize your health information and share it securely with other health professionals.

Our Staff:

Currently we have a team of 2 full-time physicians, 2 part-time physicians, 2 nurse practitioners, 2 practical nurses, 2 mid-wives, 4 administrative staff and an executive director working at the Health Centre.

Patient Services:

Even though the Health Centre is located on the north town site on Base property, it is important to note that the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre will provide ongoing primary health care to ALL residents of the Town of Petawawa. When and as our complement of staff increases, we look forward to welcoming our neighbours to also take advantage of the services we provide.

This Clinic is not a walk-in-clinic.

If you are reading this and currently live in Petawawa and need the services of members of our health care team, please call 613 - 687-7641 for an appointment.

Hours of Operation are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 0800 - 1630 hrs and Tuesday: 0800 - 2000 hrs. Please visit our web site for more information: www.pcfhc.ca

News from By-law Enforcement/Animal Control



Dave Newton, By-law Enforcement/Animal Control

ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAWS

The Animal Control By-law is a by-law to prohibit the running at large of all dogs and cats in the Town of Petawawa, by imposing a licensing fee on the owners of dogs and cats, for enforcing and regulating dogs and cats found running at large and for other matters related to animals.

When off premises, all dogs and cats must be wearing their current dog/cat tags, be on a leash no longer than 1.8 metres long and under the control of a responsible person.

Every dog or cat owner must remove any excrement left by their animal on any property other than the owner's personal property. It is recommended that residents clean up the excrement on their property on a regular basis, if not immediately.

All dogs and cats must be licensed. Everyone living within the Town limits must register their dog(s) and cat(s) and purchase an annual dog/cat tag on or before March 31st each year.

The 2007 dog and cat licences/tags are now available at the Municipal Offices.

PARKING BY-LAWS

While some Town roads have specific parking and stopping regulations posted on signs, there are some regulations that are applied town wide and are listed as follows:

Unless otherwise posted, parking is not permitted:

- * within 1.5 metres of an entrance to a driveway
- * within 3 metres of a fire hydrant
- * within 10 metres of an intersection
- * more than 15 centimetres from a curb

Parking is not permitted in the following locations:

- * on or overhanging a sidewalk or curb
- * in a manner obstructing traffic
- * facing the wrong direction on a roadway
- * on private property without the property owner's consent
- * on municipal property without authorization

Winter parking restrictions (15 November to 31 March):

- * no parking on any street from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.;
- * at any time when accumulated snow fall exceeds or is expected to exceed 5 centimetres;
- * during any snow removal or clearing operation.

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR ANIMAL ISSUES:

- Animal Control (Town of Petawawa) - 613-687-8438 or 613-639-0211
- Renfrew Health Unit (to report dead birds, animal bites to humans, etc) - 613-735-8654
- O.S.P.C.A. (animal control at CFB Petawawa including North and South PMQ sites, animal abuse or duress) - 613-588-4508
- Valley Animal Shelter (to look for lost or found dogs and cats) - 613-732-4891
- Bear Wise Program (to report bear problems) - 1-866-514-2327.

Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment OPP ... continued from page six

As the Detachment Commander for the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment, I thank you for your steadfast leadership and support to my Detachment. Remember that success is a journey, success is not final, failure is not fatal, rather, it is the courage to continue that counts.

To my officers, your families, and our municipal emergency services partners:

Together we can accomplish great deeds. The record of this has been steadfastly proven over this past year in many aspects of your duties, both with individual accomplishments and as joint services efforts. Thank you for your great deeds, bravery, lifesaving and persistency in the discharge of your duties that has been done so faithfully and courageously.

As your Detachment Commander, I pray for wisdom, understanding and courage as I lead you in all that I do. I know that each of you will make a positive difference for good in many lives in 2007 and beyond. Thank you for your devoted service to our Nation. Stand firm in your moral and ethical principles. Principles that we are sworn to preserve and protect. Remember that moral and ethical principles are not flexible. Integrity commits itself to character over personal gain, to people over things, to service over power, to principle over convenience, and to the long term over the immediate. May God watch over you and protect you.

To the Citizens of the Upper Ottawa Valley:

I am grateful and honoured to be living amongst you and working for you. The past year has only solidified my stance and reassured me that the citizens of the Upper Ottawa Valley are a duty bound people who care greatly for one another and for Canada.

A few words that enter my mind when I describe the citizens here to others throughout the province are: hard working, neighbourly, patriotic, caring, selfless, successful and dedicated to making this world a better place.

Recorded history books are usually made up of the few acts of the great, but history is more often shaped by the many acts of the Common. Common folks like you who I have witnessed helping neighbours out and assisting motorists stranded in their time of need. Valley residents that stand fast in their duty to their families, children and individual job positions. Citizens who volunteer that I have seen on community fundraising and community charity events, all with great devotion to civic duty in their own right.

Within this coming year, your OPP Detachment here in the Upper Ottawa Valley is embarking on some new programs and service delivery methods. We will be running a Youth Leadership program at the "Edge" in partnership with the Town of Petawawa, Renfrew school boards, community volunteer agencies and with the Military Police. Our focus on grade 10 students from area secondary schools will assist in acquiring their mandatory 40 hours of volunteering in the community for their diploma and will focus on an enhanced Police-Youth relationship.

With your community input we have implemented and are enhancing school visits, business visits and broadening our foot patrol efforts within Petawawa and within our seven municipalities.

The Detachment has recently received two patrol bicycles purchased by the Town of Petawawa Police Services board that will greatly enhance our ability to patrol the Millennium trails, area community events, the Civic Centre and trail ways throughout the Town.

We look forward to meeting more citizens while conducting this new patrol avenue. Our Marine, Community Services, All Terrain Vehicle and Snow Mobile programs are full steam ahead for 2007.

In closing, the Police Officers and staff at the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, are committed to serving you both on duty as sworn Police Officers and off duty as fellow citizens. We are "Committed to Duty". Duty being a set of obligations that we have to God, our Country, our families, our co-workers, our friends and to ourselves. Duty is a bond that helps to hold our virtues, morals and values together. It is a mental handshake that we will be true to our word and commitments. Not because we fear punishment but because we want to do what is right. Duty means that we keep our obligations; we are faithful to our principles, values and beliefs and we will not stray from our commitments.

Thank you for your support and good will. Together we can accomplish great deeds this year and beyond. Be safe, be steadfast in your commitment to one another, and please wear your seatbelt.

God Bless,
Ron Gignac
Detachment Commander
UOV OPP



The Town of Petawawa - its Police Services Board and you

Some Facts of Interest

The Logo you see above was designed by Petawawa resident, David Gen, and is intended to convey the relationship between the Town of Petawawa and the contracted O.P.P. services and reflects the shared partnership between the two in maintaining the safety of the community.

As a result of signing the 2005 contract to have the Ontario Provincial Police provide policing services to the Town of Petawawa, Town Council became legally obligated to support the establishment of a Police Services Board;

Although created by the Town's Council, the Police Services Board is not a committee of Council and functions as an autonomous body;

Its conduct and operation is determined by provisions in the province's POLICE SERVICES ACT. This ACT indicates that the board has a general responsibility to ensure the provision of adequate and effective police services in the Town and identifies specific activities as:

i) determining, after consultation with the head of police, objectives and priorities with respect to police services in the municipality;

ii) establishing policies for the effective management of the police force;

iii) participating in the recruitment and appointment of the Detachment commander;

iv) monitoring the performance of the detachment commander;

v) receiving regular reports from the head of police on disclosures and decisions made under section 49 (secondary activities);

vi) Reviewing the detachment commander's administration of the complaints system under Part V and receiving regular reports from the head of police on his or her administration of the complaints system.

In a municipality such as ours with a population of less than 25,000 the board must consist of three members :

i) one of whom is the head of the

municipal council or another member of the council appointed by resolution of the council;

ii) one person appointed by council, who is neither a member of the council nor an employee of the municipality; and

iii) One person appointed by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The PSB goals for 2007 include the following:

a. To design and administer an effective evaluation tool to determine community satisfaction levels of policing services;

b. To work with the community, the Town's policing service provider, Town of Petawawa Council and staff to identify a plan and strategies to help reduce the incidents of vandalism in the Town; and,

c. To work with the policing service provider and the community to identify and implement strategies to reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic incidents / accidents.

The members of the Police Services Board will be soliciting your support and input at various times this year as we move towards making these goals a reality.

Meetings of the Police Services Board are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Town office, located at 1111 Victoria Street, Petawawa at 2:00 p.m.; These meetings are open to the public.

For more information and /or to access the Board's web-site go to www.petawawa.ca and click on the link for Protective Services. In addition to other information, there is a section on Frequently Asked Questions - (with answers) that have been identified by Municipal and OPP administrative staff as being of special and frequent interest.

Staff Sergeant Ron Gignac and the officers of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police ask that you notify them of any policing and safety concerns by either calling 613-735-0188 (9-1-1 for Emergencies) or dropping in to the offices at 1913 Petawawa Boulevard.

Petawawa Trivia Challenge *How well do you know your town?*

1. In the spring of 1942 Roy Giesebrecht played in the Stanley Cup playoffs for this team:

- a) Montreal Canadians b) Boston Bruins c) Detroit Red Wings
d) Toronto Maple Leafs

2. What year was Petawawa founded?

- a) 1863 b) 1865 c) 1866 d) 1864

3. Who was the longest serving Reeve in the history of the Petawawa Village?

- a) Mike Habec b) Norm Behnke c) Ed Chow d) Denis Carmody

4. What was the origin of the first settlers of Petawawa?

- a) Russian b) German c) American d) Polish

5. Who was the first Chairperson for Civic Centre Days?

- a) Randy Mohns b) Campbell McKie c) Rose Van Hoof d) Brian Mohns

6. What type of military tank is at the entrance of CFB Petawawa?

- a) Sherman b) Panther c) Petawawa Pride d) Terminator

7. What animal appears on the Town of Petawawa logo?

- a) bear b) beaver c) deer d) moose

8. In 1934 the Giesebrecht family was awarded one of the first Pepsi franchises in Canada. What was the other popular drink that the family produced at that time?

- a) Canada Dry b) Vitality Cola c) A&W Root Beer d) Labatt Blue

9. What was the Petawawa Millennium project called?

- a) Ruby Trail b) Diamond Drive c) Emerald Trail d) Millennium Trail

10. What year did the Petawawa Civic Centre officially open?

- a) 1974 b) 1984 c) 1964 d) 1970

11. What was the original name of the old Victoria Street School?

- a) Victoria Public School b) SS#1 c) Petawawa Village School
d) Petawawa Public School

12. What year did the Petawawa bridge collapse?

- a) 1970 b) 1971 c) 1972 d) 1973

13. What is the name of the only ski hill in Petawawa?

- a) Laurentian Ski Hill b) Valley Ski Hill
c) Molson Ski Hill d) Whistler Ski Hill

14. What forced the evacuation of 800 people from the Petawawa Village on February 24, 1985?

- a) bomb threat b) train wreck c) gas leak d) forest fire

15. What barnyard animal is situated on the top of the Town of Petawawa clock?

- a) rooster b) sheep c) cow d) horse

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

WIN a Town of Petawawa Golf Shirt!!

Mail or drop off your trivia answers to:

Town of Petawawa Municipal Office
1111 Victoria Street, Petawawa, Ontario, K8H 2E6.

Deadline for entries is 4:00 p.m. 30 April 2007. In the event of a tie, a random draw will determine the winner.

Your Petawawa Public Library ... continued from page seven

The Tuesday and Wednesday story times were filled to capacity and we had so much fun with stories, songs, rhymes and crafts. This year two new programs were introduced; Spooky stories and Teen Movie & a Book Club. Reading Buddies is still one of our biggest programs and we rely on our wonderful student volunteers to help. Our March break events, seasonal craft days and summer reading club provides lots of fun creative activities for children to participate in.

We received a grant from ABC Canada to start a Graphic Novel collection and a panel of very knowledgeable teens selected the books. Much thanks to Denis and Dorothy Chaput from Deni's Automotive Repair for their generous donation of a Game Cart full of board games for the children to enjoy.

There were lots of children and students in the library looking for books, using the Internet stations, picking up the next book for one of the reading clubs, or working on homework assignments. Whether its teens lounging in the young adult corner, children sprawled on the beanbag chairs, tots cuddled up on the cozy couch or families stretched out on the story time mat reading together, the Petawawa library is a great place to be!

Statistics in 2006

- A total of 24,543 children's books circulated in 2006
- 1031 visits from children between the ages of 3-6 at story time
- 200 visits by children who participated in Reading Buddies
- 410 student community service hours
- 559 visits from children ages 7-12 for our Summer Reading Program
- 539 visits of children from schools and other community children's groups
- 484 visits from children for the following events: craft days, March break, reading clubs, graphic novel review group, Family Christmas Cheer Night, Literacy Day Events, special workshops, Spooky Tales Night, Teen Movie & a Book club, movie days, Teen Festival of the Arts.

Submitted by Janet Coulas

Children's and Young Adult Librarian

Volunteers

Volunteers have always been a vital part of the Petawawa Public Library. They range from some who have just started to volunteer to those who have been here for over 30 years. They have worked at reshelving returned materials, assisting staff at the circulation desk, working on our new garden or spending time shelf reading different areas in the Library. A short interview with the volunteer coordinator helps to match a volunteer's available time and interests with the library needs. Have an hour or two once a week to spare and want to enjoy the library? Drop in and see us.

Submitted by Maggie Jacques

Statistics/Overdue Materials Librarian

Programming

The Petawawa Public Library's Adult programming department strives to provide members of our community access to a range of affordable programs designed to encourage lifelong learning. Throughout the year we present several seasons of programming on a number of different subjects including: gardening, cooking, interior design, digital photography, arts and crafts classes, and many more.

Our presenters come from the local business community. We are always on the hunt for more ideas and people interested in sharing their knowledge with our patrons. If you know of someone or would like to present a program in our

space, please contact the adult program coordinator for more information.

Our current program schedule is well underway. This spring we are pleased to present programs devoted to holistic healing, the natural arts, cooking classes, rubberstamping and more. Be sure to check out www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca for all the latest information.

Submitted by Susanne Edwards

Library Program Coordinator

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a service available to all members of the Petawawa Public Library. ILL specializes in obtaining materials that members need, but that are not held in the Library's current collections. We do this by borrowing items, or requesting photocopies, movies or microfilms of items located at other public, government, special and university libraries throughout North America and in some cases, overseas. There are items such as rare or first editions that cannot be borrowed, however most materials requested by our patrons are able to be found and sent. Last year our patrons received 1455 items through ILL. Our Library's collections are also quite extensive as we received 2433 requests from other libraries for use of our materials. This service is accessible at the Library's website or by coming into the Library and filling out a form.

Audio-Visual Collections

The Petawawa Public Library offers popular DVDs, audio books, music CDs and CD-ROMs. Whether listening in the car, entertaining the children on a family trip, or just relaxing around the home, we have something for everyone. There is an expanding Parent/Teacher collection which offers materials dealing with current issues surrounding children (i.e. bullying) as well as curriculum related items. Music genres vary from the Top 40 to classical, jazz, wedding and country. Movies include current hits, foreign films, family and children's. Talking Book Combos allow children to follow along with the story while listening to it on tape or disc. We also have Sick Kits which contain books, movies and toys or games for the little ones who are stuck inside.

Our Audio-Visual Collections are popular ones:

- Our movie collection circulated 22,938 times
- Music CDs circulated 3600 times
- Audio books were borrowed by our patrons 3311 times

Submitted by Kelly Thompson

Audio Visual/ Interlibrary Loan Librarian

Library Web Site

Have you checked out our web site yet? Go to www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca to access information about the Petawawa Public Library and our collection. Find out how to become a member, see what's happening at the library, view a list of all the new materials added, reserve books and request inter-library loans. Members also have at home access to a variety of on-line databases via the web site including NoveList, Knowledge Ontario and NetLibrary. Contact the library for more information. (613-687-2227)

Submitted by Lynn Tweedie - Circulation Librarian

French Collection

The Petawawa Library strives to fulfill the research needs of Francophone and French immersion students, as well as offering recreational reading material for all age groups.

The library's French collection houses books for all ages and interests. The collection also includes magazines, compact discs, CD ROMs, videos and DVDs



Library craft days are always popular with children. (Petawawa Post file photo)

Large Print Pool

The library has many large print books from our own collection and also from the pool collection of the Southern Ontario Library Service:

Local History Material

The Petawawa Public Library has a large collection of material dealing with local history. Some items may be borrowed.

Foreign Language Collection

Through donations the Petawawa Library has been able to maintain a collection of German bFunds raised through this year's General Panet High School Panther Classic boys basketball tournament were split between the Pembroke Petawawa Sub-chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation and the CFB Petawawa Bereaved Families Educational Endowment Fund, each receiving \$1,000 from registration fees, the sale of t-shirts and proceeds from a raffle table. Most of the money was raised through t-shirt sales; more than 300 were purchased over the course of the weekend and due to support from T. Litzen, a sporting goods company in Toronto who printed the shirts, organizers were able to maximize the amount of money raised. Presenting the cheque for \$1,000 to Children's Wish Foundation rep-

Borrowing Periods

Books - 3 weeks
High demand books - 1 week
Videos - 3 days no renewal
Non-Fiction videos - three weeks (same as books)
CD's & CD-Roms - 1 week no renewal
TB Combo (Tape & Book) - 3 weeks
Videos/CDs/CD-Roms - five per family

Overdue Fines Are:

Overdue fines are:
Books, mags, etc. 10 cents/day
Maximum fine \$5.00
Videos \$1.00/day
Maximum fines \$10.00
CD'S & CD-ROM's 50 cents/day
Maximum fine \$5.00
TB Combo (Tape & Book) 50 cents/day
Maximum fines \$10.00

Town of Petawawa Fire Department

MAKE IT STOP!

The Town of Petawawa Fire Department is concerned about the number of homes in the Town of Petawawa with smoke alarms that have had their batteries removed or have been disconnected.

Often occupants disable smoke alarms because the alarm activates when they are cooking or making toast, or after they have used the shower. These are called nuisance alarms.

"If nuisance alarms are a problem, people can visit www.makeitstop.ca or contact the Town of Petawawa Fire Department

at 613-687-4759 to get life-saving tips and solutions" says Fire Chief Steve Knott. "Solutions include relocating the smoke alarm or installing a smoke alarm with a "hush" feature.

The solutions are part of a new provincial campaign called Make it Stop!, developed by the Office of the Fire Marshall to educate Ontarians about nuisance alarm solutions, smoke alarm technologies, home fire escape plans and the importance of having working smoke alarms.

The Ontario Fire Code requires that every home have a working smoke alarm

on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. It is against the law to disable a smoke alarm!

The Town of Petawawa Fire Department wants to help the public to solve problems with nuisance alarms and ensure that all smoke alarms are working to give residents those precious seconds they need to escape a fire.

For home owners, tenants and individual landlords, failure to comply with the Ontario Fire Code smoke alarm requirements can result in a ticket for \$235.00 or a fine of up to \$50,000.00.

KEY MESSAGES ABOUT NUISANCE ALARMS

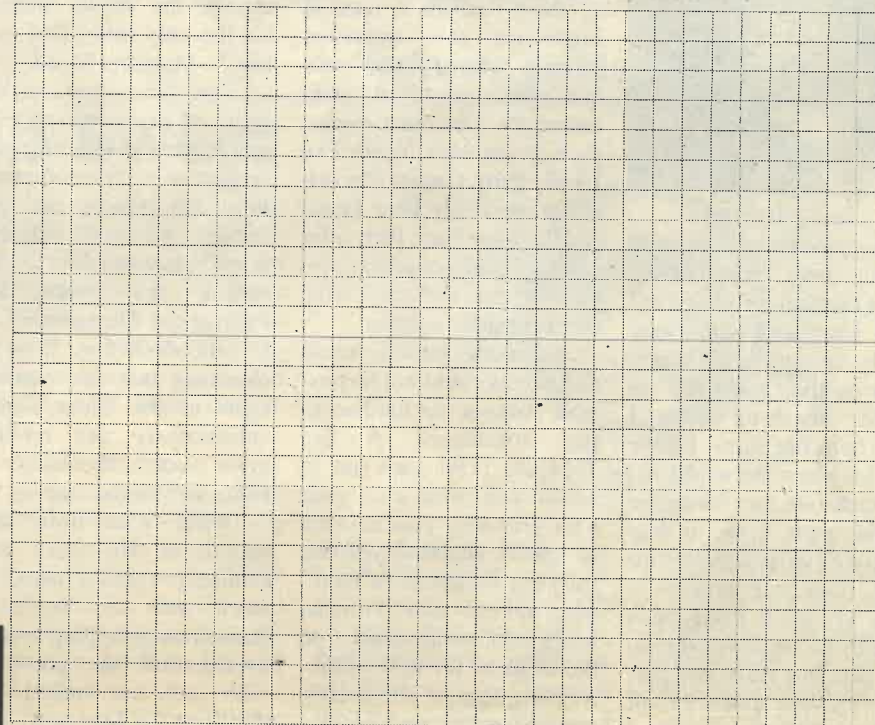
- If frequent nuisance alarms are a problem, do not remove the battery! Disabling a smoke alarm is against the law. There are options you can try to help stop nuisance alarms or reduce their frequency, without endangering your safety.
- Start with basic housekeeping, such as keeping burners and ovens clean and emptying the crumb tray in the toaster, to help stop nuisance alarms at the source.
- Try moving the smoke alarm. Sometimes moving a smoke alarm just a few centimeters is enough to significantly reduce the number of nuisance alarms. Avoid installing smoke alarms in kitchens or directly outside bathrooms.
- Install smoke alarms with a hush feature that will temporarily silence the alarm and then automatically reset itself.
- Replace ionization alarms located near kitchens with photoelectric alarms. They may be less prone to activate due to cooking activities.
- Keep smoke alarms in the best possible working order by vacuuming annually and replace alarms that are more than 10 years old.
- Don't forget to change your batteries twice a year.



Home Fire Escape Plan

Memorize your fire department's emergency phone number and write it here: _____

Use the space below to create your home fire escape plan.



- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with (SA). Smoke alarms should be on every level of your home. Make sure there is an alarm outside every sleeping area.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!



Sparky® is a trademark of the NFPA

Check out www.sparky.org for fire safety games and activities.

Grown-ups: Children don't always wake when the smoke alarm sounds. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs. Get more information on smoke alarms and escape planning at www.nfpa.org/factsheets.

Exit Drills In The Home

Statistics

Did you know that 7 out of 10 fires in Canada occur at home? Protect your family and home from fire with smoke alarms and by planning your escape.

Plan To Escape

Draw a floor plan of your home showing all possible exits from each room. Plan a main escape route and an alternate escape route from each room, especially bedrooms. When fire strikes, a planned step-by-step escape route can reduce panic and confusion. Most of all, it can save lives.

Choose A Meeting Place

Arrange an outside meeting place and a safe location to call 9-1-1. The best place to meet is in front of your home, where firefighters will arrive.

Practice Your Plan

Conduct a fire drill at least once every six months. The best place to start your fire drill is from a bedroom. Sound the alarm and get everyone in the home to participate. In a real fire, you must be prepared to move quickly and carefully without confusion. Don't rush through the drill. Make sure everyone knows exactly what to do. After the drill, discuss what took place and how to improve performance.

Make your fire drill as realistic as possible. Practice two escape routes. Vary your drills. For example, one drill might place a fire in an attic while another might place it in a kitchen. Make sure everyone understands how escape routes are altered depending on different fire locations. Pretend that there are no lights, and that your escape routes are filling with smoke.

Be Prepared

Make sure everyone in the household can unlock all doors and windows quickly, even in the dark. Windows or doors with security bars need to be equipped with quick-release devices and everyone in the household should know how to use them.

If you live in an apartment building, use stairways to escape. Never use an elevator during a fire. It may stop between floors or take you to a floor where the fire is burning.

If you live in a two storey house, and you must escape from a second storey window, be sure there is a safe way to reach the ground. Make special arrangements for children, older adults and people with disabilities. People who have difficulty moving should have a phone in their sleeping area

and, if possible, should sleep on the ground floor.

Test doors before opening them. While kneeling or crouching at the door, reach up as high as you can and touch the door, the knob and the space between the door and its frame with the back of your hand. If the door is hot, use another escape route. If the door is cool, open it with caution.

If you are trapped, close all doors between you and the fire. Stuff the cracks around the doors with towels or blankets to keep out smoke. Wait at a window and signal for help with a light coloured cloth or a flashlight. If there is a phone in the room, call 911 and tell the operator exactly where you are.

Get Out Fast

Make sure your family knows to leave immediately when they hear a smoke alarm or someone yelling, "Fire!" Don't try to take possessions or pets.

Don't Go Back, No Matter What!

After you are out, call 9-1-1.

Once outside and at the designated meeting place, no one re-enters the burning house. Firefighters are equipped and trained to handle rescue operations and they will let you know when it is safe to go back into the house. Get out and stay out!

Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Petawawa

Department.

Our winter festival, Cabin Fever, and our summer festival, Civic Centre Days are great fund raisers for the community. Money raised by these festivals is used to implement new recreation projects, playgrounds, trails and other very worthwhile endeavors. Our other events, such as our New Year's Eve Family Party, Canada Day celebrations, Teddy Bear Picnic and Pumpkin Patch Party offer amazing family oriented activities for free and truly bring the community together.

Of course, these festivals and events could not be possible without our hardworking volunteers. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of you who give your time year after year in order to ensure success; you are truly the backbone of recreation in Petawawa. With that being said, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers to help at our events, and encourage the community to offer suggestions or

comments to improve on our programming. This quote really does say it all...

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." --Margaret Mead.

For those new in the area, we invite you to take part in these events as a participant or even a volunteer! You can check out our events at our website: www.petawawa.ca, by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 613 687-5678 ext. 22 or by checking out the outdoor signs at the Civic Centre entranceway and on the town clock at the corner of Hilda and Doran streets.

Jodie was born and raised in the area and jumped at the chance to work with the Town of Petawawa in helping to plan events that she grew up with. Jodie has worked with the town for four years and is married with one child.



Jodie Watson

With every smiling child getting their face painted, with every adult dancing the night away, and with every family coming together to cheer on their favourite car at the smash-up derby, I can't help but think I have the best job in the world.

As the events coordinator for the town, I get to help implement great activities for adults, kids and families to enjoy. My job is made much easier by the amazing community spirit that Petawawa possesses and how generations of families continue to support the Parks and Recreation



Tina Spurrell

Tina has been working for the Town of Petawawa

Executive Assistant to CAO/Mayor/Council

for over 7 years. She started her employment as Secretary Receptionist and in January 2006 was promoted to the position of Executive Assistant to CAO/Mayor/Council. She is also the Administrative Assistant to the Police Services Board.

While her position may

have changed, Tina is still available to assist whenever possible. You may reach her at 613-687-5536.

In her spare time, Tina is involved with various organizations dedicated to crisis intervention and support. She recently became a volunteer firefighter with the Town of Petawawa Fire Department.



Kathy Pivato

Kathy began working for the Town of Petawawa in October 2006 as Secretary/Receptionist. Her

Secretary/Receptionist

husband, Steve and she moved to Petawawa from Terrace Bay, Ontario in July 2006. Steve is an instrument technician at AECL. They have two grown children. David, a new member of the Armed Forces and his wife Cheryl are currently stationed in Borden. Jaime, attends Georgian College in Barrie and is enrolled in Culinary Management with plans to be a Chef.

Kathy worked at the Town Office in Terrace Bay for 14 years as their

Receptionist/Accounts Payable Clerk. Fortuitously an opening became available with the Town of Petawawa shortly after they moved here.

Kathy and Steve both enjoy the outdoors and are taking advantage of the natural beauty of the Valley. They have noticed how genuinely friendly the residents of Petawawa and the rest of the valley are and find it refreshing to know that neighbourliness is alive and well here.

Planning Technician and Community Emergency Management Coordinator



Karen Cronier

Karen is the Town of Petawawa's Planning Technician and Community Emergency Management Coordinator. Karen brings to the job several years of experience, having worked for two other municipalities in the Ottawa area. After settling in this region, Karen took some time away from work concentrating instead on raising her family of 3 daughters with her husband Ron.

Karen has been with the Town now since April 2006. Her position of Planning Technician involves providing

any planning information to the public, Council or Town staff. She is responsible for providing comments and circulation of planning documents - rezoning applications, official plan amendments, aids in the review of subdivision plans and is also Secretary Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment. Karen reviews severance applications and consults with County of Renfrew and Town staff regarding commercial and industrial development proposals within the Town.

From a planning perspective an important step that the Town Council will take in 2007 will be the review and passing of a consolidated zoning by-law. Currently the Town has two separate Zoning By-laws, the former Township and the former Village by-laws. Bringing the by-laws together into one comprehensive document will benefit all parties and most importantly Town residents.

Provincial legislation requires that the Town of

Petawawa develop and maintain an Emergency Management Program. Karen, as the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), is responsible for this program. The Town must have an up to date Emergency Response Plan and the CEMC is responsible for seeing that the plan is tested and reviewed annually. Public awareness is also an important part of the Emergency Management Program. Information is available on the Town web site at www.petawawa.ca and many brochures and emergency preparedness guides are available from Karen.

We are all responsible for ensuring that we are prepared both personally and as a community should an emergency occur. All levels of government are trying to impress upon individuals that "Preparedness begins at home". This will be a key message that Karen will be promoting during Emergency Preparedness

Week (May 6 - 12th).

Should anyone have any questions or concerns regarding planning or emer-

gency planning matters within the Town please call Karen at (613) 687-5536. Karen looks forward to a

challenging and exciting year ahead as the Town of Petawawa continues to grow and develop.

Frequently Requested Numbers

Town of Petawawa Municipal Office	687-5536
Fire Station #1 Schwanz Road	613-687-8000 (non-emergency)
Fire Station #2 Victoria Street	613-687-4759 (non-emergency)
Ontario Provincial Police	613-735-0188 (non-emergency)
Public Works	613-687-2692
Civic Centre	613-687-5678
Petawawa Public Library	613-687-2227
Centennial Family Health Clinic	613-687-7641
Cheryl Gallant, MP	613-732-4404
John Yakabuskie, MPP	613-735-6627
Dundonald Hall	613-687-4500
Rec Plex	613-687-2932
South Side Community Centre	613-687-2104
PMFRC	613-687-1641
The New Twin Rivers	613-687-5331
The New Twin Rivers Pro Shop	613-687-8294
County of Renfrew	613-735-7288
Petawawa Police Svcs Board	613-687-5536
OV Waste Recovery Centre	613-735-7537
Ontario SPCA (Humane Society)	613-588-4508
Health Card Appointments	1-888-314-4442