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Message From The Mayor, Bob Sweet



Welcome Home Troops and congratulations on a job well done!! The best thing about 2009 so far has been the return of our soldiers from deployment to Afghanistan. On behalf of Council and staff, I commend you on your commitment, dedication and accomplishments. Having had the opportunity to visit the troops in November of 2008, I have first hand knowledge of the conditions and challenges each of you faced. This was no easy task, but, like true Canadians, you excelled.

To the family and friends of members of our Military who lost their lives in Afghanistan, please know that the residents of the Town of Petawawa will never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by your loved one.

It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to address the residents of the Town of Petawawa in our annual Town Times. As with other years, 2008 and

2009 have been extremely busy, as evidenced by the many construction sites around town. This is just a small portion of what Council and staff have been doing.

During this time of financial restraint, Council and staff have been working diligently to insure that your tax dollars are being maximized and to enhance an already vibrant community. Key issues being addressed include infrastructure, federal and provincial grants, and economic development, to name a few.

It seems that every-

where you look there is construction. This summer will be another busy one for our Public Works department as construction takes place throughout the town. The driveway to the Civic Centre was recently completed and will be named in due course. Algonquin Street will receive a much needed update and the long awaited construction of the Harry Street Pumping Station will commence. As well, Renfrew Street will be reconstructed as an urban street with sidewalks connecting with Limestone Trail. The town

has other projects in the queue pending government funding.

Moving season is once again upon us. We say farewell to many friends and families that have made Petawawa their home while posted here with the Military. However, with rotation comes new families to the area. We welcome all new residents to the town and encourage you to become a part of our community. There are sports, arts, culture and a multitude of other activities to take part in. The staff at the Town of Petawawa is always willing

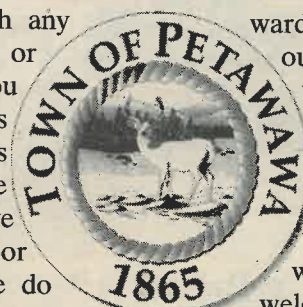
to assist with any questions or concerns you may have. As well, as Mayor of the Town, I have an open door policy. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at 613-687-5536 to discuss any issues of concern.

Finally, on behalf of Council and staff, I bid farewell to L.Col Bill Moore, Base Commander, and Col. Dean Milner, Brigade Commander, as they end their posts in Petawawa. Warm wishes to you both and to your families as you move for-

ward. It has been our pleasure working with you.

As we say farewell to the Commanders, we wish a warm welcome to the new Base Commander, L.Col Rudderham and Brigade Commander, Col. Eyre. We hope you will enjoy your time in Petawawa and we look forward to working with you both.

Bob Sweet
Mayor
Town of Petawawa



MESSAGE FROM THE BASE COMMANDER

Returning to Petawawa after an absence of 10 years, it is great to be reminded of the tremendous natural environment and of the great bonds within the community that the families of CFB Petawawa and the town of Petawawa share. It is an honour to have been given the role as Base Commander, but it is even more so a privilege to work again with our many friends and partners within the community.

I am constantly struck by the outstanding relationships the community has established with the Base and by the levels of openness, mutual awareness and joint programs such as family health and community recreation, that have emerged through a sense of common purpose, commitment and hard work.

We must be proud of these achievements and our shared environment; however, we cannot simply rest on these laurels. We must continue to sustain and build upon our common bonds and mutual interests. The fact that we are neighbours further underscores the idea that we must be willing to continue growing together as a point of priority in our everyday lives: as institutions, as civic leaders, as volunteers for community initiatives, or as simply good citizens.

Indeed, we are committed to sharing the community and recreation resources of the Base. I encourage you to become informed by visiting our website and come take advantage of these

resources. Their increased usage and increased interaction and sharing by Base and town neighbours, is a win-win situation for us all and will continue to benefit our relationships and our future.

We share a quality of life and a shared sense of community second to none.

The soldiers and families of CFB Petawawa have faced many challenges in recent years.

The outpouring of support and generosity from the Town and citizens of Petawawa have been incredible and are truly appreciated. When the community reaches out to the Base offering support, it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. As we face a cycle of training and deployment overseas, it will be crucial for our success.

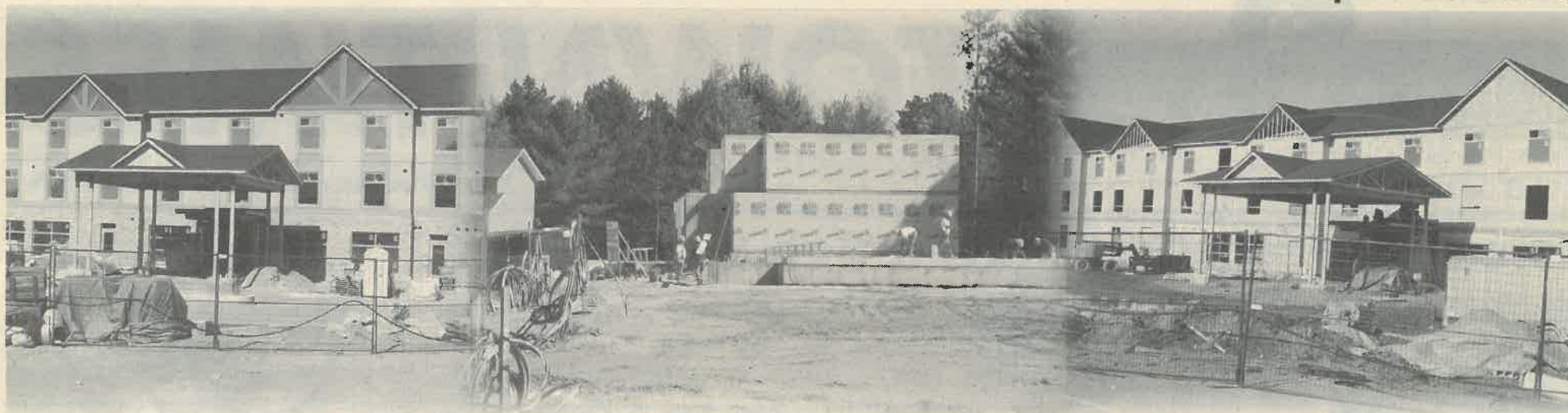
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W.R. Moore
Lieutenant Colonel
Base Commander
CFB Petawawa





BUILDING PERMIT COMPARISON 2004-2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Total Permits	297	371	308	239	228
Single Family Dwellings (SFD)	108	107	92	60	52
SFD Additions/Alterations	93	36	49	46	34
Septic Permits	41	36	-	-	-
Pools	15	25	32	26	24
Fees	\$136,737.79	\$143,726.14	\$102,872.32	\$100,859.33	\$85,449.67
Value	\$32,938,015.00	27,220,075.00	\$21,945,791.00	\$13,833,968.00	\$14,751,046.00

****Note: All Development Charges, Water, Sewer and General Development charges are not included in overall totals.**



TOWN TIMES EDITORS:

Content for the articles in this seventh edition of the *Town Times* have been solicited and collected by the ad hoc "Newspaper Committee," consisting of Councillors Cy Steele and Joe Park.

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.

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12 - 4 PM
AT THE MILLENIUM TRAIL

*On-going Interactive Games and Booths,
Live Entertainment and much more!*

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From The Public Works Department...

The Public Works Department has seen another very busy winter come and go. Although snow accumulation was less than 2008, we saw more rain events, which kept crews very busy.

As summer arrives, so does another season of potholes. With numerous freeze thaw cycles during the winter months, crews are kept busy repairing potholes.

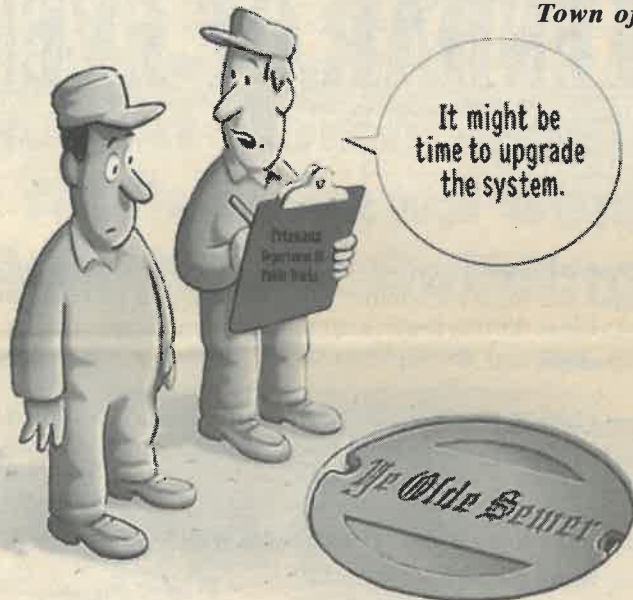
Residents are encouraged to report any potholes to the Roads Department at (613) 687-2692 during normal working hours (Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM) and we will repair as soon as possible.

2009 is expected to be a very busy year with new developments starting, road and water system upgrades, sidewalks, and also the completion of projects from 2008.

The Public Works Department continues to provide a high level of service to the residents of Petawawa.

Please direct any inquiries to the Works Department at 613-687-2692. Our hours are Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

Tom Renaud
Public Works Supervisor
Town of Petawawa



DID YOU KNOW...

- 1) 63 by-laws were passed in 2008.
- 2) Council packages and meetings became electronic, thereby saving a lot of trees.
- 3) 727 homes were visited during the Smoke Alarm Program in 2008.
- 4) The Fire Department responded to 138 calls in 2008, down 13 calls from the previous year.
- 5) 263 Fire inspections were conducted in 2008.
- 6) Ontario law states that you **must** have a working fire alarm on every level of your house positioned outside all sleeping areas.
- 7) There were 3 subdivision agreements entered into with the Town in 2008.
- 8) You should have an emergency kit prepared that will allow you and your family to survive for 72 hours (3 days) in the event of an emergency.
- 9) Did you know that in the event of an emergency, the Civic Centre is the Emergency Evacuation Centre.
- 10) 32 km of roadway centre lines were painted within the Town.
- 11) Twice as much sand was used on Town roads in 2008 than in 2007.
- 12) That, if you are on Town water, you can only water between 6:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on odd/even calendar days in accordance to your address. (If your street number is 7, you can only water on odd numbered days).
- 13) 1588 dog tags and 938 cat tags were sold in 2008.
- 14) There is a battery drop off site at the Town office and the Civic Centre.
- 15) For the first time in over 10 years, the Public Works Department did not plow in the month of March!



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Staff Sergeant Joe Girard - New Detachment Commander Selected for the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the OPP

Staff Sgt Joe Girard has been a member of the OPP since January 1983 when he joined the police force following 4 years of military service, the last two with 2 Commando stationed at CFB Petawawa.

Having served in the Detachment Commander role as Acting Staff Sergeant for 7 months in Chatham-Kent, his last assignment was at the Cochrane OPP as Acting Detachment Commander. In that position he was responsible for overseeing policing services for the Cochrane

“cluster,” which included the communities of Smooth Rock Falls and Moosenee.

Fully bilingual with a strong background in training, Staff Sgt. Girard was the first OPP member to be seconded by the United Nations in late 1997-98 to work with the Haitian government and police forces to establish emergency response protocols while functioning as incident commander for all major occurrences on the island.

Prepared and submitted by Councilor Treena Lemay

Petawawa Heritage Society and Village Celebrates 10th Anniversary This Year

Submitted By Ann McIntyre

The Petawawa Heritage Society celebrates its 10th Anniversary in 2009; ten years of working to bring heritage and culture to the residents of the Town of Petawawa. Since its humble beginnings in 1999 from a small Committee of five, The Society has grown to a Board which is now comprised of four Directors, two secretaries, 19 committee members and an ever-growing membership. We also have a group that we refer to as the “Friends of the Society,” dedicated individuals who help in various capacities at special events, and fundraisers and construction at the Village site. The Society could not function without our wonderful team of volunteers, and 100 per cent of our funds are used in the construction of the Heritage Village and preservation of the history of the Town of Petawawa.

Community support for the Heritage Village has not wavered. 2008 was a good summer with double the visitors from the previous year. I believe this increase came from the number of schools visiting the site on day trips, special interest groups and family reunions. We are certain these numbers will hold for the 2009 season.

Beginning the first week of June we will be opening our doors to students on day trips. During their visits they will be given the

opportunity to use tools that early settlers would have used in performing daily tasks. They will view tools from various trades, visit a small home fully furnished from the early 1900’s, a stable, the CP train station/telegraph office, and a working blacksmith shop.

Expansion at the village site is always in the forefront and this year is no exception. We have been very fortunate in receiving a donation from Dianne Mills in the form of a plan for our Town Square. The garden that she has designed will lend a peaceful rest area to sit where you will be able to enjoy a quiet garden atmosphere. We hope to start work on the project this summer. To help with the garden design, we will be selling commemorative picnic tables and benches, trees and flowers for the village site. For more information, please contact Ann McIntyre at (613) 687-5054. The roadway around the Town Square will be completed as soon as we can get in with heavy equipment in the Spring. There are also plans to build a replica of the Leader Homestead Log Home in the near future.

This year is going to be our best ever and we would love to see you come out and join us. This season 2009 we will be hosting the following Events and Festivals for your enjoyment. Mark these events on your calendar!



June 26th 2009 at 1:30 pm we are hosting our **Appreciation Day** and honouring the organizations and the local merchants who have helped us reach our goal to date. **Everyone is welcome.** At this time there will be 5 buildings open to the public. Call 613-687-5054 or email ann_sympatico.ca

July 2nd - August 28th 2009 we will be **open to the general public** from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. to Fri. Cost \$3.00 Adults/Students over 5 yrs. \$2.00. Call 613-687-5054 or email ann_sympatico.ca

July 25th 2009 we will be hosting a **County wide Red Hatters’ Tea**. Call Catherine at 613-687-6142 or email pwinb@hotmail.com

August 14-15-16 2009 will be the first annual **Settlers Festival** to be held at the Village site. The cost will be \$10.00 per family. Children will be able to participate in games, military drills, obstacle courses, family scavenger hunts and much more. The history of the area will be depicted through re-enactors. Call 613-687-5054 or email ann_sympatico.ca

Keep your eye on the Petawawa Heritage Village where Historical Culture comes alive.

PETAWAWA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

QUESTION: Do you know what the Accessibility Advisory Committee does?

ANSWER: The Town of Petawawa established its own committee to fulfill responsibilities as set out in the *Ontarians with Disability Act, 2001*. Basically, the committee makes recommendations to the municipality to reduce accessibility barriers to goods and services.

QUESTION: Did you know the Accessibility Standards Customer Service became law on 1 January 2008?

ANSWER: As a public sector organization, the municipality must comply by 1 January 2010. The standard includes information about the use of personal assistive devices, communications, customer service, use of guide dogs, support persons, disruptions to services and providing feedback about goods and services.

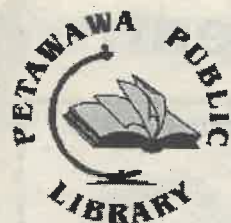
QUESTION: Did you know that standards are available for public review and input?

ANSWER: All standards must be available to the public for input. Common standards include Customer Service, Build Environment, Employment and Information and Communication. Contact www.AccessON.ca to find out more about these standards.

QUESTION: Do you know how many Ontarians have a disability?

ANSWER: Approximately 15.5% of Ontarians have a disability. In the Town of Petawawa, with a population of 15,500, this means approximately 2402 people have some type of a disability.

For more information about the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee or to join the committee in its work, contact Tina Spurrell at the Town of Petawawa Municipal Office at 613-687-5536.



Free Books? Free Feature Films? Free Internet and Programs? *It's all True at your Local Library!*



With a recession on our heels and less money in our pockets, now is the time to see everything your library has to offer. We have many different collections. Book titles include everything from bestsellers and Oprah picks to graphic novels and a new collection dealing with topics affecting our military community. The newest feature

films, documentaries and family flicks are all available to borrow free of charge. Oh, and don't forget to check out our large print books, audio books on CD, downloadable e-books and our music collection (from classical and country to Top 40 and rap).

If you are living in an area of our community not yet equipped with high-

speed Internet, bring your laptop and come in to use our wireless service - all free of charge. We also have internet stations for adults, children and teens that do not have laptops.

Doing homework? Check out our online databases. Looking for some information on a particular topic? This is why there are always staff mem-

bers on duty. We are here to help!

And now the exciting news... in 2009 the Petawawa Public Library is giving you online access to our catalogue and the ability to renew, reserve and request books from the comfort of your home or office. With the introduction of a new operating system, your library is coming

to you!

For those of you who enjoy the outdoors, come and read a book in the garden. You can also challenge a friend to a game of chess with some giant sized chess pieces!

Finally, be sure to always check the library's website www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca, call us at 613-687-2227 or keep

watch in the Petawawa Post for upcoming programs for adults, teens and children.

There are always exciting things happening at your library! Come and visit! Better yet...become a volunteer!

K. Thompson
Librarian
Petawawa Public
Library

"Aging At Home" Support Now At Petawawa Senior's Apartment Building



Beginning in April, 2009, an exciting support program became available to Petawawa seniors living at the Petawawa Senior's Apartment complex on Victoria Street. Funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and worth \$227,000.00 this year, it is designed to help seniors stay in the community - literally "to age in their home."

The program will supply 24/7 nursing care and other support services such as assistance with bathing, housekeeping, meal preparation and medication oversight to any senior who is in need of a health related service. The amount and degree of care and services to be provided will be determined

by nursing staff in consultation with each individual resident, depending on their needs. There is no cost for the services to any resident and it is not income-dependent. The staff will be provided by and the funding will be administered by Marianhill Long Term Care.

To further support the program, the County of Renfrew Social Services Department will provide an extra \$100,000.00 for the installation of a lift in the two storey building to allow complete access to both levels of the building by everyone.

Providing support to allow seniors to "age at home" and allowing seniors to remain in their own community is the main focus of

the program. In addition, the services provided may prevent the need for trips to the Emergency Room, promote health, prevent illness and/or make returns home from hospital faster, if that becomes necessary since nursing care will be available on site.

The project was spearheaded by and the application to request funding for the Petawawa Seniors Complex was made by Councillor Treena Lemay. A former member for 15 years of the Seniors Board of Directors, Councillor Treena Lemay sits as a volunteer member representing Family Health Teams on the Community Care Advisory Forum. This forum is a group of Renfrew County Service providers who advise the Champlain LHIN (Local Health Initiative Network) on the greatest health care issues and needs in Renfrew County that require funding.

*Prepared and Submitted
by Councillor Treena Lemay*

Not Just A Pretty Picture...

As part of the development of the Limestone Subdivision, there was a need to construct a stormwater management pond, in accordance with Ministry of Environment guidelines. While most people think that the developer just decided to construct a pond and park like setting, this facility actually serves three purposes.

First of all, any time it rains, the drainage off the roads and lots is collected by the catchbasins along the side of the road. Generally the storm water that is collected by the catchbasins goes into a storm sewer, which flows underground to the nearest river or lake where it outlets into the water there. In the case of the Limestone Subdivision, there are no rivers or lakes nearby and instead the storm water flows into the pond on site. This storm water, while generally fairly clean, still has contaminants in it such as oil and grease off the roadway, salt residue in the spring, fertilizer from lawns and silt and other dirt from the roadway. The Limestone Pond is actually two ponds separated by a small berm



under the bridge on site. The storm water enters the first pond, closest to Limestone Trail. This pond is to act as a cleaning agent for the water. Any oils and greases will float to the surface and any large particles, such as sand and dirt would sink to the bottom of this pond. Over time, the pond will fill up with dirt and will have to be cleaned by the Town.

The second feature of the pond, is storm water infiltration. Once the water is "cleaned" by the first pond, it overtops the berm and spills into the second pond. This second pond, as well as the low lying area beside it, is used to infiltrate the cleaned storm water into the ground. So in other words, rather than allowing the storm water to empty out into a lake, it is instead allowed to seep into the nat-

urally sandy soil and become part of the groundwater flow.

The third feature of the pond is what is called water quantity control which is really flood control. In the event that Petawawa was to receive a very severe rain storm, the storm sewers and roadways are designed so that all of the water from the heavy rain, would flow into the pond area. As more and more rainfall occurs, the pond will continue to fill up with water. So it basically acts as a storage pond in order to prevent flooding of the lots and roadways in the subdivision. It is for this reason that residents should not go to the pond area during or right after a heavy rain, due to the potential for unsafe conditions.

News From the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre



Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre Mascot, Curby the Green Cart, had a chance to meet with visitors at Showcase at the Petawawa Civic Centre (Post file photo).

Household Hazardous Waste

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC) is once again coordinating Mobile Hazardous Waste Events in your community. These are one day events hosted in various municipalities that offer a convenient opportunity for residents to dispose of hazardous waste. Residents are able to drop-off, at no charge, paints, oils, oil filters, batteries, propane cylinders, used needles and lancets

(properly packaged in a sealed, non-breakable container), pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs including compact fluorescents, and mercury thermometers and switches. Household Hazardous Waste is also accepted at the OVWRC year round during normal operating hours. Check your collection schedule for more mobile events near you.

Bulky Item Collection

Every Spring and Fall the town of Petawawa has a bulky item collection for its residents. These bulky item collections are intended for material like appliances, mattresses, broken glass, furniture, mats, toys, and large scrap metal items (BBQ's, bikes, stainless steel sinks, etc.). Place scrap metal in a separate pile as it will be collected in a separate truck to be recycled. Items not acceptable for collection include construction material (drywall, shingles, wood, concrete, etc.), renovation material (cupboards, windows, doors, tubs, toilets, countertops, etc.), household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, and tires. Please ensure material is placed curbside on the Sunday night specified on your collection schedule for your area.

Diversion Rates

Diversion means material not going to landfill - instead it's destined for recycling or composting at the OVWRC. So just how much are Petawawa residents diverting? In 2008, Petawawa achieved a residential diversion rate of approximately 60% - that means you kept 1,440 tonnes of recyclables and 1,942 tonnes of organics out of the landfill. Keep up the great work!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Drop Off:

- Paints
- Oils
- Oil Filters
- Batteries
- Propane Cylinders
- Used Needles and Lancets (properly packaged in a sealed, non-breakable container).
- Pesticides
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs (Including compact fluorescents and mercury thermometers and switches)



BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Intended For Pick-up:

- Appliances
- Mattresses
- Broken Glass
- Furniture
- Mats
- Toys
- Large Scrap Metal Items (Such as BBQ's, bikes, stainless steel sinks, etc.).



NOT Intended For Pick-up:

- Construction Material (Such as drywall, shingles, wood, concrete, etc.).
- Renovation Material (Such as cupboards, windows, doors, tubs, toilets, countertop, etc.).
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Leaf and yard waste
- Tires



NEW!

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS IN PETAWAWA

Good News for Petawawa Residents

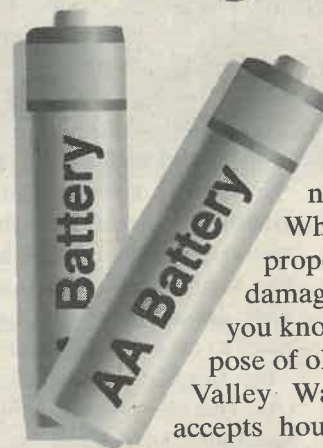
The Renfrew County and District Health Unit will be holding immunization clinics the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10:00 - 11:30 and 1:15 - 3:00 pm.

**At the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre
154 Civic Centre Road**

- Immunization will be available for infants, children, school age and adults
- Tetanus Boosters for Adults
- Tuberculosis (TB) Testing
- Immunization for Travelers

**TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT CALL
613-735-8653 - EXT 547**

Battery Disposal



Household batteries ...we use them daily and don't think much about them until they need to be replaced. When not disposed of properly, household batteries damage the environment. Do you know the proper way to dispose of old batteries? The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre accepts household batteries at the Hazardous Waste Depot or Mobile Events; but they have gone further and are offering a Battery Recovery Program. Central drop-off bins for household batteries are available at the Town of Petawawa Municipal Office and at the Petawawa Civic Centre. This program has been a great success and makes for convenient disposal for our residents.

Commercial and Industrial Curbside Collection



The Town of Petawawa is now offering Commercial & Industrial Curbside Waste Collection. This program was implemented in September 2008 and to date we have approximately 30 businesses participating with positive results. Realizing that this transition could be difficult for certain businesses the Town has been working with each business to individualize pick up to accommodate varying situations. The cost of this service is based on the fee charged per household unit but may be adjusted depending on the amount of waste generated. As such the fee could be 2 or 3 times the residential levy.

COUNCIL MEETING STRUCTURE

By Mitch Stillman, CAO/Clerk

The structure of Council and Council in Committee meetings are set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Town of Petawawa Procedural By-law. These documents prescribe format and timing of the meetings and set regulations for the actual conduct of the meetings.

There are 7 Councillors on Council including the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. The CAO/Clerk or his designate attends all Council meetings to provide advice as required and to record the proceedings of the meeting. The CAO/Clerk is accompanied by support staff at all meetings.

Formal Council meetings are held twice a month on the first and third Mondays. Should there be a holiday on the Monday the meeting automatically falls to the Tuesday. Final decisions on all matters are made at the formal Council meetings. These are the meetings you may have seen on the local COGECO Cable broadcasts.

Council in Committee meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. At these meetings all the Council members meet as a committee and provide recommendations to full Council. At the second meeting of the month the topics of By-law Enforcement/Animal Control, Building Department, Fire Department and Finance and Administration matters are scheduled. On the fourth Monday Planning and Emergency Planning, Park and Recreation, Economic Development and Public Works are the topics for discussion. Department Heads from each area are in attendance to present their reports and to answer questions from Council.

Agendas for these meetings are prepared by the CAO/Clerk in conjunction with the Mayor and with Councillor input, as requested, on the Wednesday preceding the meeting. The agendas and all supporting documentation, including reports and correspondence, are sent out electronically to each member of Council, the media and any person who has requested a copy on Thursday.

Should a person or group wish to appear before Council as a delegation they are required to contact the CAO/Clerk by the close of the agenda on the Wednesday preceding the meeting to be put on the agenda. The name of the spokesperson or group, a brief description of the topic of discussion and an estimated length of presentation time are to accompany the request. There are various rules regarding presentation lengths and the number of people from a group speaking on the same topic.

The process of Council meetings has been very successful to conducting the town business. All members of Council are kept informed on all topics which saves time at the Council meetings.

If you have any questions on the process of Council meetings or the rules followed by Council please contact Mitch Stillman, CAO/Clerk at mstillman@petawawa.ca or by calling the municipal office at 613-687-5536.

Petawawa Fire Department Announces Newly Formed Water and Ice Rescue Team

Submitted By Steve Knott, Fire Chief

As the Fire Chief for the Town of Petawawa, I am pleased to announce that our newly formed water and ice rescue team is now fully operational. With over \$30,000 worth of newly acquired equipment and a team of six ice rescue technicians the Department is able to deploy within the Municipality in minutes. The Petawawa Fire Fighters Association identified the need for an RBC (Rapid Deployment Craft), and a dedicated vehicle to transport this and other equipment pertinent to this type of rescue operation. For this, a decommissioned ambulance was purchased and equipped for the task. The Association approached three local service groups with a request for funding donations. The cost of an RDC and ambulance was \$5000 dollars each, for a total of \$10,000 dollars. Luckily, the response was an enthusiastic one and the Association was able to achieve the required funds. With a \$5000 donation from the Petawawa Rotary Club and \$2500 each from the Pembroke Petawawa Lion's Club and the Greater Petawawa Civitan Club, the required vehicle and equipment were purchased. Fire personnel are now able to move from shore based operations to water entry. With the RDC, personnel can go out to ice flows and open water quickly and safely.

Petawawa Fire Department personnel will continue to train and receive certification in this specialized type of rescue. The Petawawa Fire Fighters Association has donated numerous hours of their time to outfit the new ambulance to suit the department's requirements, orga-



nize equipment, and perform other duties related to ensure the safety of the public as well as department personnel.

5000 Civitan
2500 Rotary/Lion's



Lynn Beatty
Assistant Economic Development
Coordinator

Lynn Beatty comes to us from the Health Unit where she worked as Health Promotion Assistant. Lynn has a background in marketing and tourism, as well as graphics.

Lynn started with the Town of Petawawa on February 9th, and has not stopped running since. Lynn has grasped the challenges of the job flying solo, as her co-worker is on maternity leave. This hasn't stopped Lynn from facing the job head on.

Originally from a small town in Saskatchewan, Lynn moved to Chalk River from Vancouver a few years ago. While she misses the mountains and the prairies, she is learning to love the rugged Canadian Shield and all it has to offer right outside her door.

Lynn keeps active in the outdoors by biking, running (when the black flies are not too bad), kayaking (with a great group of adventurous ladies), swimming in the summer time and cross-country skiing, running (when possible) and skating in the winter.

Lynn is looking forward to the future and meeting many of the Town's residents.

PETS ARE FAMILY TOO! FIRES...FLOODS...WINDSTORMS...ICE STORMS

Emergencies can happen anytime... Don't wait to plan tomorrow PLAN for emergencies TODAY!!!

Are you and your pet(s) prepared for any emergency? The risks are very real. If an evacuation was ordered today, would you know what to do or where to go with your pet(s)?

Assemble a pet emergency kit and make arrangements for your pet(s) in the event that you must evacuate.

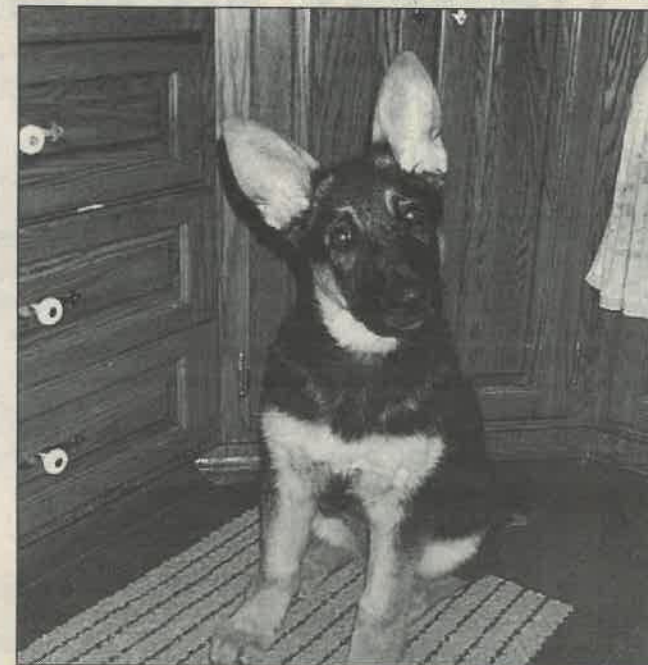
PET EMERGENCY KIT

- Food
- Potable water, bowls, paper towel and can opener
- Blanket and small toys
- Sturdy leash/harness
- Cat litter/pan (if required) and plastic bags
- Carrier for transporting your pet
- Medications and medical records (incl. vaccinations)
- Current photo of pet
- Information on feeding schedules, medical or behavioural problems
- Up-to-date ID tag with your phone number and the name/phone number of your veterinarian
- Copy of license (if required)
- Muzzle (if required)

Keep this kit in the same spot as your family emergency survival kit for easy retrieval. Pets need supplies too. Of course you may need to alter your kit to reflect the individual needs of your pet(s).

It is important to keep your animal secure and calm during an emergency. If an evacuation is ordered try to keep your pet in a carrying cage with a familiar blanket, so your pet(s) feels as secure as possible. Do not leave your pet alone, with strangers or without a leash at any time. During an emergency, your pet may panic, behave in a distressed manner or even run away and end up lost. Or, because of the distressed state, your pet may bite someone.

REMEMBER...during an emergency, you are still responsible for your pet.



The Pembroke and Area Airport is a certified, fully equipped airport located between Petawawa and Pembroke. The airport is owned and operated by six municipalities within the County of Renfrew and consists of a 5000' X 100' asphalt runway, a full length paved taxiway, a fully serviced terminal building with ramp for parking and full service refueling.

The Airport is called home for over 35 general aviation aircraft, an aerial photography and survey company, as well as an aircraft maintenance facility. Various users consists of DND Search and Rescue training, United States Air Force, MNR Survey/Fire Patrol, Ministry of Health medevacs, Hydro One and Trans Canada Pipeline just to name a few. A wide variety of services are offered

at the airport including fuel, tiedowns, and hangarage. Land is available for lease for construction of hangers or aviation related business.

On Saturday, August 22, 2009 the airport will be hosting its annual fly-in barbeque from 1100-1400. Please visit the airport's website at www.flycyta.ca for more info or call 613-687-5300.

Emergency Management Ontario stresses that we must all prepare a three-day **Emergency Survival Kit**. It is your responsibility to be able to be self sufficient for at least **72 hours**.

An Emergency Survival Kit should include the following:

Food and Water:

Have at least a 3 day supply of food and water on hand. Choose ready to eat foods and items that don't require refrigeration such as canned foods like soups, stews, beans, meat, fish, poultry, vegetables and fruits. Other items such as crackers, honey, peanut butter, syrup, jam, salt & pepper, coffee and tea are all useful items. At least 4 litres of water per person per day should be allocated (2 for drinking and 2 for food preparation, hygiene and dishwashing). It is also a good idea to keep a supply of water purification tablets on hand as well.

Note: Canned foods and dry goods should be replaced once a year.

Equipment:

- ✓ Knives, forks, spoons, manual can opener, cups and plates
- ✓ Fuel stove/lighter and fuel
- ✓ Water proof matches and plastic garbage bags
- ✓ Pocket knife or multi tool
- ✓ Flashlight and spare batteries, candles
- ✓ Radio or crank radio
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Extra car keys and cash
- ✓ Important documents (id for everyone, insurance papers)
- ✓ Clothing and footwear (1 change of clothes per person)
- ✓ Blankets or sleeping bags (1 per person)
- ✓ Toilet paper and other personal supplies (soap, feminine hygiene products, etc)
- ✓ Baby formula, diapers, etc.
- ✓ Medication and medical necessities
- ✓ Backpack or duffel bags to carry kit in case you have to leave home
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Playing cards, gum, mints, small games
- ✓ Special needs items

Note: Pet food, water and supplies - Pets are a big part of our families - plan for their survival too!

Please feel free to call Karen Cronier, CEMC, at the Town Hall (613) 687-5536, to obtain a copy of the guide and any other emergency information you may be interested in.

www.petawawa.ca

Town of Petawawa Broadband Application Grant

As you know, making high speed internet available to Town of Petawawa and Laurentian Valley residents is the sole responsibility of commercial internet providers. However, like you, Town Council shares your frustration when these providers choose not to service parts of the Town where costly upgrades to their infrastructure are necessary.

On February 12 of this year, the Town of Petawawa, in conjunction with the Township of Laurentian Valley, submitted an application to the Ontario Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for a grant of \$700,000.00 to help provide broadband internet connectivity to all possible areas of the two municipalities.

In late December and early January, CAO Stillman, Councillor Park and I met with Laurentian

Valley Councillors and Staff to choose an internet Service provider for this project. Bell Aliant was the successful company, since it promised to hard-wire all properties in the Town that are north of the new Hwy. 417 and to use INUKSHUK technology to support transmission to those residents on the south side of the highway. They (Bell Aliant) have estimated that approximately \$2 million is necessary to provide internet connection to all underserved areas possible using current technologies.

To make the project financially feasible, the approximately \$700,000.00 provincial grant application through OMAFRA that the Town of Petawawa and Laurentian Valley are taking the lead on, will be coupled with Bell Aliant's contribution of \$1.3 million to allow Petawawa and Laurentian Valley to be connected to

high speed internet.

At this time, OMAFRA staff are reviewing all of the applications and it is anticipated that this process will continue for another one or two months. Once successful applicants are announced, the chosen providers will proceed with the physical aspect of doing the appropriate connections.

Bell Aliant indicates they anticipate that High speed Broadband will be available toward the end of 2009.

You should know that our application will be among the many from municipalities and counties who will be applying for this round of grants.

While there is no guarantee that our application will be successful or that internet can be provided to every remote location in the Town, the Town of Petawawa, in partnership

with Laurentian Valley, has put an excellent, well-documented and potential customer - supported business case together.

Thank you to all of the local organizations and groups who provided the Committee with letters of support and a special thank you to all of you who completed and submitted the newspaper survey in January and February.

Prepared and Submitted by Councillor Treena Lemay



RENFREW COUNTY & DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT PRESENTS

SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICS

the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month
1:30 - 3:00 pm.

**** no appointment needed ****

**At the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre
154 Civic Centre Road**

- Information about birth control, sexually transmitted diseases
- Affordable birth control with doctor's prescription
 - Pregnancy Tests
 - Free Condoms



NEWS AND UPDATES

It's hard to believe that it was April 2008 that the staff of the Health Centre made its move from our "temporary" 3 year home at 12 Reichwald to this new building. For those of you who joined us for the grand opening last May or have been in the building for a tour or as a patient, you will agree that it is a wonderful gift to the people of Petawawa.

Since opening, several thousand patient files have been created and more than 16,000 patient visits have occurred. The 4000+ patients who are currently being seen at the Health Centre represent people who had no family physician prior to opening.

Currently, the Health Centre has the services of 2 full-time and one part-time physician, 2 Nurse Practitioners, 2 Practical Nurses, and the part-time support of a Dietician, Social Worker and Pharmacist. The 2 mid-wives who have been with us from the beginning of this journey continue to provide care and guidance for maternity patients each Wednesday.

A commercial foot care company also now provides care at the Health Centre and, although not funded by the Ministry of Health, this service will be welcomed by all those looking for professional foot care and supply of orthotics.

The Renfrew County & District Health Unit has rented space in the building's "West Wing" area and we look forward to welcoming the new Public Health programmes they have planned to deliver from this site to the people of the north end of the County.



PETAWAWA RESOURCE DATABASE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Supported by grants from The Ministry of Training and Universities and Renfrew County Futures, the Petawawa Centennial Family Health was able to hire a contract employee to arrange, create and develop a comprehensive database of all types of Health and Social Services. It is intended to assist Petawawa residents to both find the provider of a needed service and/or to become familiar with and aware of health and social service related services that are available.

The database lists almost every conceivable resource that a person of any age may need to access. Included are those resources available both in Petawawa, Renfrew County and the Ottawa area.

The link to the Town of Petawawa Recreation Department identifies every recreation or sporting contact that you may want to find as well.

The database has an easy to use Search feature. To access the database, please go to the Health Centre's web site at: www.pcfhc.ca and click on "Check out our Resource Centre here" on the right hand side of the page.

Prepared and Submitted by Councillor Treena Lemay





TOWN OF PETAWAWA FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION BRANCH

STATION #2

1111 VICTORIA STREET

PETAWAWA, ONTARIO

K8H 2E6

PHONE (613) 687-4759 FAX (613) 687-7225



Keeping Safe From The "Silent Killer"

The following information is provided by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA). For more information about carbon monoxide safety, visit their website at www.tssa.org, or contact your fire department.

What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, tasteless and toxic gas and is often referred to as the "silent killer." When inhaled it inhibits the blood's capacity to transport oxygen throughout the body. It can poison the body quickly in high concentrations, or slowly over long periods of time.

What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?

Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness or loss of consciousness. In severe cases, CO poisoning can cause brain damage and death. The elderly, children and people with heart or respiratory conditions may be particularly sensitive to CO.

How is carbon monoxide generated in the home?

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of incomplete combustion of fuels such as natural gas, propane, heating oil, kerosene, coal, charcoal, gasoline or wood. This incomplete combustion can occur in any device that depends on burning for energy or heat, such as furnaces, room heaters, fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves or grills and any gas-powered vehicle or engine. Automobiles left running in attached garages, gas barbecues operated inside the house, grills or kerosene heaters that are not properly vented, or chimneys or vents that are dirty or plugged may create unsafe levels of CO.

When properly installed, maintained and vented, any CO produced by these devices will not stay inside the home.

What are some danger signs?

- You or other members of your family have symptoms of CO exposure (see above).

- You notice a sharp, penetrating odour or smell of gas when your furnace or other fuel-burning equipment turns on.
- The air is stale or stuffy.
- The pilot light of your furnace or other fuel-burning equipment goes out.
- Chalky white powder forms on the chimney/exhaust vent pipe or soot build-up occurs around the exhaust vent.

How can unsafe levels of carbon monoxide be detected?

Carbon monoxide alarms monitor airborne concentration levels (parts per million) of carbon monoxide and sound an audible alarm when harmful CO levels are present.

Be sure that your alarm has been certified to the Canadian Standards Association CAN/CGA 6.19 standard or the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 2034 standard.

If you suspect carbon monoxide in your home...

If you or anyone in your home is experiencing the symptoms of CO poisoning, ensure that everyone leaves the home immediately, leaving the door open. Call your local fire department or 911 from a neighbour's telephone. If your CO alarm sounds, do NOT assume it to be a false alarm. Open all doors and windows to ventilate the home. If you cannot find the problem and the alarm continues, contact the fire department. If there is a strong smell of natural gas in your home, evacuate immediately, leaving the door open, and contact your local gas utility.

If no symptoms are experienced, reset the alarm and check to see if it activates. If the alarm sounds a second time, call the local fire department for their assistance.

If alarm does not sound a second time, check for common conditions that may have caused a CO build-up or contact a qualified heating contractor or check your fuel-burning equipment.

Where should a CO alarm be located in the home?

Proper placement of a CO alarm is important. In

general, the human body is most vulnerable to the effects of CO during sleeping hours, so an alarm should be located in or as near as possible to the sleeping area of the home.

If only one alarm is being installed, it should be located near the sleeping area, where it can wake you if you are asleep.

Where sleeping areas are located in separate parts of the home, an alarm should be provided for each area.

Additional CO alarms should be placed on each level of a residence and in other rooms where combustion devices are located (such as in a room that contains a solid fuel-fired appliance, gas clothes dryer or natural gas furnace), or adjacent to potential sources of CO (such as a teenager's room or granny suite located adjacent to an attached garage).

Unlike smoke, which rises to the ceiling, CO mixes with air. Recognizing this, a CO alarm should be located at knee-height (which is about the same as prone sleeping height). Due to the possibility of tampering or damage by pets, children, vacuum cleaners and the like, it may be located up to chest height. To work properly, a CO alarm should not be blocked by furniture, draperies or other obstructions to normal air flow.

If a combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarm is used, it should be located on the ceiling, to ensure that it will detect smoke effectively.

Always refer to the manufacturer's instructions for additional information regarding proper installation, use and maintenance.

To Keep Safe, Please Remember:

- You have a responsibility to know about the dangers of carbon monoxide. Your knowledge and actions may save lives.
- CO alarms are a good second line of defence, but do not eliminate the need for regular inspection, maintenance and safe use of fuel-burning equipment.
- Take the time to learn about the use of CO alarms in your home to ensure you are using this equipment properly and effectively.



Petawawa Police Services Board

Our Community, Our Home

Do You Know That?

- The Town of Petawawa's Police Services Board has a web-site with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) on it that may assist you with answers to some of your interests or concerns. The address <http://www.petawawa.ca/index.php> - Click on GOVERNMENT - then Police Services Board.
- You can contact the O.P.P. 24 hours a day by phone at 1-888-310-1122.
- The Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment has a snowmobile patrol, all terrain vehicle patrol and marine patrol unit.
- 100 RIDE programmes to detect impaired drivers were conducted in the Town in 2008-21 of these were made possible by special grants solicited by the Board from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.
- 2253 calls for service were made to the Detachment by Petawawa residents in 2008. This is equivalent to almost 7 calls per day, 365 days of the year.
- There were 18 reported instances of Break and Enters (a decrease of 3 from 2007) and 13 reported thefts from cars in 2008.
- There were no fatal vehicle accident-related injuries reported in 2007 but there were 30 instances of personal injury identified in the 53 accidents that did occur.

- There were no streets or intersections in Petawawa with more than 4 accidents last year and many of those were weather-related.
- Hours spent by OPP officers investigating issues totaled 9777.5.
- Hours spent on patrol by OPP officers within the Town were almost 6110.
- There were 162 complaints made related to traffic.
- 13 thefts from cars took place exclusively between the months of April and July.
- More than 7 of the 97 vehicle accidents that took place in 2008 involved deer - car accidents. Most common months of the year for these types of accidents are April and October.
- There is a very independent complaints procedure in place and administered by the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services (OCCPS) to ensure that there is an avenue for public input, concerns and resolution. The OCCPS web site provides information on the process as well as downloadable forms - www.occps.ca



FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS / WEBSITES

Town of Petawawa	613-687-5536	Website: www.petawawa.ca
Public Works	613-687-2692	
Emergency After Hours	613-732-3525	
Civic Centre	613-687-5678	
Library	613-687-2227	
Petawawa Fire Dept. Station 2 - non emergency	613-687-4579	Website: www.cvis.ca/fire
County of Renfrew	613-735-7288	Website: www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca
Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre	613-735-7537	Website: www.ovwrc.com
Animal Control	613-639-0211	
SPCA	613-588-4508	
Health Cards	1-888-376-5197	Website: www.health.gov.on.ca
Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre	613-687-7641	Website: www.pcfhc.ca
Service Canada	1-800-622-6232	Website: www.servicecanada.gc.ca
Service Ontario	613-735-5527	Website: www.serviceontario.ca
OPP Dispatch	1-888-310-1122	
OPP Administration Only	613-735-0188	
Cheryl Gallant M.P.	613-732-4404	
John Yakabuski M.P.P.	613-735-6627	
CFB Petawawa Fire	613-687-5511 x 5555	
CFB Petawawa Police	613-687-5511 x 5444	Website: www.armyforces.gc.ca/CFB_PETAWAWA

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR ANIMAL ISSUES:

**ANIMAL CONTROL
(TOWN OF PETAWAWA)**
613-687-8438 or 613-638-0211

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

BEAR WISE PROGRAM
(to report bear problems)
1-866-514-2327





VOLUNTEER SERVICES SURVEY

The Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre, with the financial assistance of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and Renfrew County Futures, is in the process of creating a volunteer centre for the Town of Petawawa. The purpose of this project is to create an easily accessible and complete list of all volunteer services in the community.

If You:

- organize a group or service with any volunteers in the Town of Petawawa;
- are an individual who currently provides a volunteer service to people in Petawawa;
- are a person who would like to volunteer a certain skill or service to others but aren't sure how;
- have suggestions for services which would help seniors remain in their homes as healthy, active members of their community...

We want to hear from you!

Please complete and return the attached survey to:

Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre
154 Civic Centre Road
Petawawa, ON
K8H 3H5

Or visit the Centre's website at: www.pcfhc.ca to fill out the survey online.

For more information, please contact Janet Morrison, Volunteer Coordinator at the Petawawa Centennial Family Health

Centre: Email: Janet.Morrison@pcfhc.ca Phone: 613-687-7641 Ext. 105

Fax: 613-687-6808

Thank you for your help with this project.

- I am:**
- Someone who organizes a group or service with volunteers in Petawawa
 - An individual who provides a service to people in Petawawa
 - Someone who would like to volunteer a skill or service in Petawawa

For the above, please provide your contact information:

Name:
Name of group or service:
Description of Service or Activity provided:
Phone Number:
Email:

1. What volunteer services do you know of in the Town of Petawawa that would be helpful to include on a resource list for senior residents?

2. What do senior residents of the Town of Petawawa need more help with to be able to stay living in their homes and be active and included in the community?

3. What would be the best way(s) to let residents of Petawawa know about volunteer or other helpful services?

- I am:**
- A Senior
 - A Relative of a Senior
 - A Friend of a Senior