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Message from the Mayor, Bob Sweet



Mayor Bob Sweet

Welcome to the 2011 edition of the Town Times. As with previous editions, we hope that you will learn something new about the Town of Petawawa and continue to find useful information about our community.

As council enters 2011, being the first year of the new 2010-2014 term of council, we are all eager to move for-

ward with many new projects as well as build on the accomplishments of the past council.

The 2010 annual budget set water and sewer rates that reflected council's commitment to infrastructure renewal, asset enhancement and public safety. Council is proud that the tax rate Petawawa residents pay on the assessed value of their properties continues to be one of the lowest in Renfrew County.

The town's financial practice of "pay-as-you-go" and philosophy on strategic planning continue to provide service delivery levels that are designed and intended to enhance the quality of life for every one of our residents while at the same time maintaining a reasonable tax rate.

Over the years, council and staff have worked diligently to

develop plans for infrastructure renewal based on our current infrastructure as well as anticipated growth. Last fall, council entered into a 7 year contract with the Ontario Clean Water Agency for the operation of the water treatment plant, the water distribution system, the water pollution control plant and the sewage collection system. Council also approved several major infrastructure projects including the Harry Street pumping station, Petawawa Blvd. trunk watermain, reconstruction of Russell Street and the rehabilitation of Gutzman Road and River Drive.

Council would like to extend our collective appreciation for the patience and understanding of those residents most significantly affected by the inconveniences of

these construction projects. We would also like to thank the Federal and Provincial levels of government for their funding contributions to many of the projects.

Ensuring responsible growth requires the support and guidance of many people. The town is fortunate to have an excellent team of employees from a variety of disciplines such as planning, building, economic development, public works and administration. They are supported by contract resource groups who provide engineering and legal advice.

In 2010, council supported a great variety of initiatives in terms of both residential and commercial development, including the issuance of 369 building permits with a value of over \$46.5 million. Development continues to occur within 6 active subdivi-

sions within the Town of Petawawa, namely The Forest, Limestone Trail, Highland Park, Vereyken, Briarwood and Laurentian Highlands. As well, the draft plan of subdivision has been approved for a new commercial development, to be called Petawawa Town Centre.

The Town of Petawawa has always understood that working together with other municipalities and organizations leads to countless mutual advantages. In 2010 council and staff worked collaboratively with a variety of partners to accomplish many goals. We partnered with the Township of Laurentian Valley to bring high speed internet to 85% of our residents, we partnered with CFB Petawawa to lobby the Ministry to open a new Service Ontario location, we

worked with the school boards and transferred land for the location of the new schools, and we worked with our partners at the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre to complete the gasification project and receive a long-term Certificate of Approval.

It has been my pleasure to work with council, staff and all residents this past year. Your constructive suggestions and ideas have lead to improved decision making and effective planning. Your interest in the success of our Town is appreciated. I am convinced that with the support and enthusiasm of the residents of Petawawa, our Town will see significant growth while remaining a safe and caring community which everyone is proud to call their home.

Message from the Base Commander, LCol Keith Rudderham

The past two years have been both a busy and exciting time to live in Petawawa. During this time I have experienced some of the most memorable moments of my career.

My family and I experienced many unforgettable moments and we will certainly take those memories with us when we leave.

2010 was an extremely challenging year for Canada's Army and more specifically CFB Petawawa. Along with the TF 1-10 and TF 5-10 deployments to Afghanistan the soldiers from this Base were also called on to support the Olympics, the G8/G20 Summits and a natu-

ral disaster in Haiti. We are very proud of the dedication and commitment of our soldiers and their families and appreciate all of the community support that went along with their hard work.

The Base and the Town of Petawawa have also experienced a busy couple of years and this tempo is expected to continue in 2011. CFB Petawawa and the Town have worked enthusiastically to achieve numerous joint initiatives to the betterment of the community. Over the past couple of years these have included the success of bringing a Service Ontario Site to Petawawa, cooperation

towards the construction of new schools and the building of a new water tower. Working with the MTO, we managed to have traffic lights installed on Highway 17 at Paquette Road to improve traffic flow and reduce accidents. Over the next couple of years, the Base is expecting continued growth and development including new buildings on Base and the construction of a new Canex Retail Mall. With the introduction of the Chinook Helicopters to CFB Petawawa hundreds of millions of dollars will be brought to this economy and we expect close to 400 new aircrew to move to the area by 2014.

One of the goals I established for the Base during my tenure was to continue to

improve the quality of life for soldiers and their families. With the combined efforts of the entire Defence Team at CFB Petawawa I am pleased to say that numerous great achievements have and are continuing to be made. In 2009 CFB Petawawa was successful in winning the National award for the Canadian Forces category in Communities in Bloom, which gives the Base the bragging rights to be called the "Best Base in Canada". In 2010, we were required to sit out the CF Best Base competition but instead competed with many municipalities from across the country. CFB Petawawa achieved an award for "Best Youth Involvement" for a Canadian Community. Also in 2010 the Base along with the support of

the Canadian Forces Housing Agency launched a program in the Residential Housing Units to clean up the living quarters on the North and South town sites. This effort is ongoing and progress continues to be made.

Supporting Canada's military objectives does not come without a cost. Families of Petawawa soldiers have unfortunately suffered grief and loss on too many occasions. To honour the soldiers and families who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan two fitting Memorials have been established in a beautifully landscaped section of the Base. The Afghanistan Memorial and Afghanistan Memorial Forest are now permanent features of the Base where families and friends can come to remember.

Once again, I challenge



LCol Keith Rudderham
BComd CFB/ASU Petawawa

anyone to name a Base that has a better combination of community support, natural beauty, training facilities and recreational opportunities. With such an outstanding quality of life I am proud to call Petawawa my home.

Thank you again for your outstanding partnership and support of the soldiers and families at CFB Petawawa.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS/WEBSITES

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

Message from Economic Development

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 development 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 over \$47 million

dollars, a value that has more than doubled over the last five years.

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 and is a member of the newly formed Ontario Tourism Region "Ontario's Highlands". The Town of Petawawa is proud to be hosting some very exciting events in the coming months including the Hell or High Water Festival on May 7th, Expo150 from June 9th -12th, Civic Centre Days from June 17th-19th, and the new Petawawa Ribfest from August 19th-21st.

This spring watch for the



In 2010 Game Play Canada opened its doors for business in the town. Deputy Mayor Ed Chow (centre), councillor Theresa Sabourin (left) and Economic Development Coordinator Cyndy Phillips-McCann (right) joined Game Play Canada owners Monica and Blair Hewitt and their son Xavier for the grand opening of their new business at 3478 Petawawa Boulevard in Petawawa.

launch of our new website Phillips McCann, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Petawawa at 613-687-5536 or by email at cphillips@petawawa.ca

For information or assistance, please contact Cyndy



TOWN OF PETAWAWA MANDATORY BUSINESS REGISTRY

FOR ALL NEW & EXISTING BUSINESSES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PETAWAWA

WHO:	All Businesses—new & old, commercial & home-based
WHAT:	Business Registration Application
WHERE:	Online at www.petawawa.ca , or at 1111 Victoria St.
WHEN:	ASAP!
WHY:	To ensure business owners receive pertinent information, and to ensure Town staff have a comprehensive database of businesses within the Town of Petawawa

For More Information call Cyndy at 613-687-5536



TOWN TIMES EDITORS:

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

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

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

Publication cost per copy is 42 cents.

Here We Grow Again...

The Town of Petawawa welcomes all new business created or expanded in 2010, including:

- ✓ Huckabone Lyle Bradley Instance
- ✓ O'Brien Law Firm
- ✓ Cut Rite Hair Salon
- ✓ Service Ontario
- ✓ Euphoria Petawawa
- ✓ Riverside Collision
- ✓ North Star Computer Graphics
- ✓ Shanty House
- ✓ Madameek Restaurant
- ✓ Game Play Canada
- ✓ KIA Petawawa
- ✓ New buildings at the Petawawa Heritage Village



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

Commercial and Industrial Development

It is a very exciting time to be involved in the planning for growth and development within the Town of Petawawa. For the past several years we have continued to see an increase in commercial and industrial planning applications submitted for review and we expect this trend to continue in 2011.

Site plan approval is the process through which the Town approved plans and guides the design and layout of buildings and developments. When a proposal is initially submitted for review the

application is circulated to Town staff and any other public agencies deemed necessary. Once comments are received, the Planning Committee,

which is made up of all members of Council, also has the opportunity to provide input into the proposal. Town staff examines all aspects of the site

plan proposals. We look at all of the technical aspects and ensure that the developments meet the intent of the Official Plan, all provisions of the

Zoning By-law, the Town engineering standards, the Ontario Building Code and Fire Code. It is the goal of all Town staff and Council that high quality, well designed buildings are

constructed within the Town as they contribute to our built environment and to our community as a whole.



2010 Citizen of the Year

At this year's UOVCC Annual Awards Gala on January 29, 2011, Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet was chosen as Citizen of the Year in recognition of the substantial contributions he has made across the Upper Ottawa Valley. The following dedication was read at the Awards Gala and it is fitting that we repeat it here – with great admiration, appreciation and congratulations.

"The winner is three-peat Renfrew County Warden Bob Sweet, Mayor of the Town of Petawawa. A community leader passionate about both his municipality and our county, Bob is highly regarded locally, provincially and nationally. Never afraid to speak his mind, he is always front and centre when it comes to advocating for the residents of this area. His duties as the head of two councils take up significant time; however Bob always manages to squeeze a little more out of his day to attend fundraising ventures because he believes in improving the quality of life of local residents. As the Chairman of Expo 150, the county's celebration could not be in better hands."



Presenting the Citizen of the Year award to Mayor Bob Sweet is Jennifer Layman, Vice President of the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Petawawa Council Recognizes Outstanding Students



Town of Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet (left) joined Bev Bimm (right) in congratulating the 2010 Town of Petawawa Outstanding Student Citizenship Award winners (left to right) Katherine Meleg, Nicholas Lussier, Kate-Lynn Andrews, Krista Galway, Jessica Landry, Rebekah Balfour, and Brittany Maika.

2010 marked the 6th year for Petawawa's Outstanding Student Citizenship Awards. In a ceremony held on June 21st, council recognized local Petawawa high school students with a bursary and medallion for their leadership and community contributions.

Beverley Bimm, Coordinator of the program, solicited principals and guidance councillors to nominate deserving students. The presentation was held at a council meeting in front of family and friends. According to Councillor Treena Lemay, "The Order of Petawawa medallion was specifically designed and created to recognize those people who have made significant contributions to the Town of Petawawa and its residents through their community and volunteer contributions".

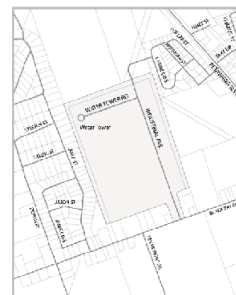
This year's winners were Katherine Meleg, Nicholas Lussier, Kate-Lynn Andrews, Krista Galway, Jessica Landry, Rebekah Balfour and Brittany Maika.



VACANT LAND ZONED GENERAL INDUSTRIAL

The Town currently has 44 acres of vacant land on Industrial Drive (off Black Bay Road) zoned General Industrial which can be severed to suit at a price of \$10,000 per acre, serviced with water and electricity. For more information please contact:

CYNDY PHILLIPS MCCANN
at cphillips@petawawa.ca
or 613-687-5536 ext. 108



Looking for Maps?



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

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE CALL THESE NUMBERS REGARDING LOCATES

ONTARIO ONE CALL (for Bell and Natural Gas)

Phone: 1-800-400-2255

Fax: 1-800-400-8876

www.on1call.com

HYDRO ONE

Phone: 1-888-664-9376

Fax: 1-888-625-4401

COGECO

Phone: 1-800-267-9000

WATER AND SEWER

Public Works Department

Phone: 613-687-2692

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS 1-877-372-7233



By Mitch Stillman, CAO/Clerk

The Town of Petawawa has experienced unprecedented growth for the last five years and by all indications the growth will be continuing into the future. In anticipation of these events, and for the overall management of the Corporation, the Town has put into place a series of policies and plans to provide for the efficient, effective and orderly development of the town to guide council and staff in meeting the challenges during this period of our history.

The Strategic Plan sets out the vision for the Town for the next five years which is "Petawawa is known as the community of choice in

Renfrew County and is recognized for its safe, vibrant and comfortable lifestyle". The mission is "To help meet the health, safety and leisure needs of the Town of Petawawa's residents by the provision of efficient and effective public works services, transportation, water treatment and distribution, sewage collection and treatment, waste management, recreational and library services, land use planning, economic development and protective services (fire, police, animal control, building)." A set of core values and a series of 5 objectives with detailed goals and business plans for achieving each of the goals rounds out the strategic plan. The strategic plan has been updated in February 2011.

The Official Plan is a legal document prepared under the Planning Act that sets the policy framework for land use in the Town and is the guide for development. The companion document to the Official Plan is

the Zoning By-law which puts in place regulations regarding land use. The Official Plan for the Town of Petawawa is currently undergoing its five year review as required by the Planning Act.

The Town of Petawawa Infrastructure Study contains complete information on the sanitary sewer system, storm drainage system, road system, and water distribution system. It was initially prepared to consolidate the available data pertaining to the systems, to assess the potential for extended growth, and to develop a comprehensive plan for the repair, replacement and/or upgrading of the various infrastructure components. The study has become the text book for infrastructure planning, setting priorities and establishing annual budgets and financial forecasts. It is currently undergoing an update to include all the construction that has happened recently and to refocus and provide information for the Official

Plan update. The sewer and water plants, due to their complexity, are looked at separately.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plans have been used over the years to establish excellent recreational facilities and services. The master plan provides council, staff and volunteers with a practical roadmap for establishing priorities in the delivery of parks and recreation programs and facilities over the next ten years. The Town is currently preparing a new master plan. The plan has a very broad scope covering all facilities, outdoor amenities and programs available to residents and visitors and will provide a public policy framework to manage future parks and recreation services. The Town has also developed a Tourism Strategy.

The development charges study and by-law is prepared under the Development Charges Act to identify growth related capital costs to the municipality and to put in place regulations where development charges are imposed at the



Mitch Stillman, CAO/Clerk

building permit stage to collect funds for growth related capital costs as identified in the study. By assessing these charges, existing ratepayers are not paying towards the cost of growth.

Fire and Rescue Services Master plans are prepared periodically to review the Town's present and future fire protection requirements. These reports typically look at administration and staffing, training, fire operations and response, fire prevention and public education, communications, buildings and apparatus and equipment in relation to the local community requirements and generally accepted standards. Reciprocal and mutual aid agreements are also reviewed.

Other documents are developed to ensure that the Town is prepared for growth. Organizational reviews are completed to ensure that the organization is growing with the municipality and that the level of service is maintained in an efficient and effective way. Our partners at CFB Petawawa and the County of Renfrew have participated in joint studies in mutual matters such as infrastructure reviews on CFB Petawawa property and traffic studies on Petawawa Blvd. The Town has also partnered with our neighbouring municipalities to develop such services as the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre, joint tenders on waste and recycling collection, Festival Hall cultural centre and the joint broadband project. These arrangements have built in flexibility for growth.

There has been a lot of thought and hard work put into preparing for and managing growth in the Town Petawawa. This work is ongoing and the Town needs to keep the plans current to reflect quickly changing circumstances. The plans referenced above provide an excellent framework for council and staff to make well informed and thoughtful decisions as we embark in this exciting time in our history.

Message from the Treasurer

Water and Sewage Services Financial Sustainability

The Town of Petawawa supplies water and sewage services to thousands of customers in the community. Only those residents and businesses receiving the benefit of these utilities are obligated to support the operation and maintenance of the systems through a user pay principle. This principle, by its definition, anticipates that consumers pay the full cost of these utilities, including any capital expenditures required to maintain or renew infrastructure. In Petawawa, these costs are levied to users of both systems through special charges on final tax bills or, for higher volume customers, via quarterly metered billings. Town property owners outside of the water and sewage service areas are not responsible for

such charges.

To ensure that the municipality is effectively applying the user pay principle to its utility services, the Finance Department, together with Public Works personnel, Ontario Clean Water Agency staff and the Town's engineering consultants, is assembling the data necessary to determine the sustainability of our water and sewage services. This data includes water consumption levels, sewage treatment volumes, age of infrastructure and its useful life. Much of this information has been quantified through the gathering of capital asset inventory in the transition to accrual accounting and is now ready for consideration in long-term forecasting.

Development of an asset



Dan Scissons, Treasurer

management plan is the ultimate goal, complete with a detailed financial guide that measures the suitability of present user rates to support current expenditures and future rehabilitation and replacement needs. Work on this strategic planning priority is expected to carry on throughout the year.

Tax Notes

- **Residential taxes for the year are paid in three installments on the last business days of March, July and October.**
- **If you would prefer to pay on a monthly basis then a recurring payment can be set up through online or telephone banking. Please contact the Tax Department at 613-687-5536 for assistance in determining a suitable payment amount.**
- **Log into your financial institution's bill paying module and search for Petawawa Taxes. The nineteen digit tax roll number is your account number.**
- **Electronic banking is available to customers of Alterna Savings, BMO Bank of Montreal, CIBC, Desjardins, National Bank of Canada, Northern Credit Union, RBC Royal Bank, Scotiabank and TD Canada Trust.**

Excellent Customer Service is our #1 Priority



Front Office Staff: Kathy Pivato (Administrative Assistant),
Debbie Lynch (Asset Management Clerk).



Karen Cronier is Town of Petawawa
Planning Co-ordinator.



Left: Tom Renaud Right:



Dave Newton is Town of Petawawa
Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

COMMISSIONING SERVICES AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

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

Is your child travelling outside Canada without you? There is a form that is required to accompany your child. The form is available online at www.servicecanada.gc.ca. Bring the completed form to the Municipal Office to have a Commissioner of Oaths witness your signature.

Marriage License

Attention Petawawa residents! You can now get your Marriage License in Petawawa.



Photo courtesy of
Still Moments Photography

Simply pick up an application from the Municipal Office or print a copy at home at www.serviceontario.ca

Bring the completed application form along with 2 pieces of identification for each applicant to the Municipal Office. Both of the applicants must be present to either submit the application or pick up the completed license. If either applicant has been divorced please bring the original certificate of divorce.

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

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

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

SERVICE ONTARIO LOCATIONS

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

Hours of operation:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11:30 am - 6 pm
Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm

Services offered: Driver and Vehicle
Health

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

Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
* designated bilingual location

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



ANIMAL CONTROL REMINDER

Residents are reminded that all dogs and cats residing in the Town of Petawawa shall be licensed and registered with the Town. Licenses and tags may be obtained Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Town office, 1111 Victoria Street, Petawawa or through the Animal Control Officer by calling 613-687-8438 or 613-639-0211.

Proof of rabies vaccination is required at the time of registration and tagging.

Landlords are requested to notify all tenants.

COST: ANIMALS REGISTERED AND TAGGED BETWEEN:

	1 JAN - 31 MAR 2011	AS OF 1 APR 2011
DOGS (sterilized)	\$15.00	\$30.00
DOGS (intact)	\$20.00	\$40.00
CATS (sterilized)	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
CATS (intact)	\$10.00	\$20.00

Newly obtained dogs and cats or animals relocating to the municipality from other areas will be subject to the lower cost provided they are registered and tagged within 30 days of residency.

**ANYONE NOT PURCHASING A TAG MAY BE CHARGED
AND FINED UNDER BY-LAW #174/2001**

FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Province of Ontario

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

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

Government of Canada

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

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

Take a Step Outside

The Town of Petawawa is a sanctuary for outdoor enthusiasts. We are surrounded with several trails to walk, run, hike, cycle and snowshoe or cross country ski. Centennial Park and Petawawa Terrace Provincial Park are only some of the places to stretch your legs outdoors and are located just outside your front door. We are situated as the gateway to world renowned Algonquin Provincial Park and an endless stream of possibilities for you to choose your own adventure.

We are home to two great rivers where you can find miles and miles of waterways to paddle, fish or pleasure boat. At Petawawa Point Beach, you can soak up the sun, launch your boat or rent a canoe or kayak and explore the same waters travelled by the Algonquin and explored by the voyageurs.

Right here in town you can strap on your skis at Mount Molson and take part in downhill skiing or set out on the snowmobile and ATV trails which are found in the centre of Town and stretch across the entire Ottawa Valley.

Take a breath of fresh air and experience the great outdoors available here in your home town.

Red Friday Ladies

Karen Boire and Lisa Miller began their RED FRIDAY journey in the spring of 2006, rewriting a U.S. idea and producing a non-political, patriotic ... very CANDADIAN ... message of support.

RED FRIDAYS is a VISUAL way to show support, pride, appreciation, love, respect and so much more for ALL the men, women and families of the Canadian Forces ... whether they are home or abroad. Red has become the official colour of supporting our troops and their families, whether it is a Friday or one of the other 6 days of the week.

Karen and Lisa hosted the very first RED FRIDAY rally on Parliament Hill in September of 2006. It was then they were given the name 'The Red Friday Ladies'.

Since then they have hosted, co-hosted and attended many rallies and events, created two scrapbooks of support and raised money for 'THE WOUNDED WARRIORS FUND' with their signature 'Red Friday Ladies - KISS OF APPRECIATION'.



Broadband Initiative

Laurier Valley, Petawawa

Watch for WiFi Hot Spot Signs at these Petawawa locations:

- Norman Behnke Hall – 11 Norman Ave.
- Municipal Building – 1111 Victoria St.
- Pembroke/Petawawa Lions Club Hall – 1163 Victoria St.
- Evergreen Stage (off Algonquin St.) – 18 Park Dr.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you have technical questions regarding the availability of internet to your residence/ business, please call Bell Technical Solutions at 1-866-242-0008

If you have other questions please call the project's co-ordinator Maureen Brennan at 613-735-6291 or at broadband@laurvall.on.ca

Recreation in your town

The Town of Petawawa is going to be busy this summer. The Civic Centre building has received many new upgrades in 2010 and there are still more to come. In 2011 the arena viewing area will be outfitted with 656 individual stadium style folding seats. The upgrades aren't only happening inside as the outdoor Pump Track for off road cyclists will see a redesigning to enhance what already exists.

Starting June 24th the Friday Market will be commencing once again. Head down to the Civic Centre grounds every Friday from 10am until 3pm to experience

local produce, crafts and handmade goods by local artisans and farmers. Come out and support local!

2011 will see an important milestone in the planning of Parks and Recreation services in Petawawa. The Parks and Recreation master plan commenced in 2010 and will be completed in June 2011. This comprehensive planning tool will shape parks, recreation and culture services offered by the Town of Petawawa for the next ten years. Information concerning this important study can be found at www.petawawa.ca under Parks and Recreation.

Make sure to check out



Petawawa's many local parks, trails and waterfront. Everything you need from renting a canoe or kayak to strolling along the quiet wooded trails can be found

here in Petawawa. Grab your mitt, sharpen those skates or get back on that bike because Petawawa is home to an endless variety of recreation.

Special events in your community

Petawawa is in for a great surprise because this year is packed with a special event every month! Kicking it all off in June is Renfrew County Expo 150. From June 9-12th, celebrate 150 years of Renfrew County history as we celebrate where we come from and who we are today as we look forward to our future.

Civic Centre Days this year will run from June 16-19th. This is a shorter time frame than in past years, but the weekend promises to be packed with events from the Smash-Up Derby and Lobsterfest to the Midway and the Saturday Night Dance featuring Ambush. There is something for everyone during Civic Centre Days!

Just a few weeks later join us and about 5000 others as we celebrate our Canadian pride. On July 1st at

Centennial Park experience a day of family fun with live music, entertainment, games, water slides, canoeing and kayaking, barbecuing and cake for all. Help us in celebrating our "True Patriot Love".

In addition, 2011 will be bringing some new event ideas to the table and you can take that literally to your table. On August 19-21st you can experience Petawawa's 1st Annual "Endless Summer RIBFEST"! That's right! Four professional ribs teams from across North America will be competing for your taste buds. Live music and entertainment all weekend, a Motorcycle Show and Shine and Family Fire Show are only the beginning. Also get ready for some good "clean" fun with our very own Festival of Mud. Teams compete in volleyball, jousting, tug-of-war

and other games all in MUD!

September 23rd brings us another new event in Petawawa aptly named a "Fusion of Senses". Experience an evening of food, wine, art and culture from across the world all fused together to create this event. Let your senses take over for the evening as your palate soaks in the taste of food from five different cultures including Thai, German, Lebanese, Austrian and East Indian. The evening will be paired with wines, spirits and beers from across the continent and beyond. Bring this all together with a cross section of painting, music, art and dance as this event samples and fuses your senses into one event that you won't want to miss.

As if this isn't enough to keep our department on our toes, we will still be offering our tried, tested and true events including the Pumpkin Patch and Halloween Bash in October. November brings us the Santa Clause Parade and as the year comes to a close, join us for our New Year's Eve celebration. We have something for everyone and we hope to see you at all of our special events!

Are you interested in giving back to your community? If you have a few hours, give us a call and you can help out in one of our great events or we can help you find a community group that interests you. Call 613-687-5678 ext. 22.

TOWN OF PETAWAWA SPECIAL EVENTS		
June 9 – 12, 2011	*****	Renfrew County Expo 150
June 16 – 19, 2011	*****	Civic Centre Days
July 1, 2011	*****	Canada Day Celebration
August 12, 2011	*****	Taste of the Valley
August 19 – 21, 2011	*****	Endless Summer Ribfest
September 23, 2011	*****	Fusion of Senses
October 15, 2011	*****	Pumpkin Patch & Halloween Bash
October 16, 2011	*****	Fall Family Fun Run
November 14, 2011	*****	Santa Claus Parade
December 4, 2011	*****	Christmas Craft Fair
December 31, 2011	*****	New Year's Eve Celebration
January 13 – 22, 2012	*****	Cabin Fever

Petawawa to host Best of Renfrew County 150 years celebration to take place in the Town

For four days in June, more than 20,000 people will be in Petawawa to take part in a very unique event. Expo 150 is the 150th anniversary celebration of the County of Renfrew, and it is taking place at the Pembroke & Area Airport.

"Petawawa is very proud to be able to host this event and be heavily involved in its success," says Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet. "The participation by the local businesses and organizations has been much appreciated, and the commitment by the Petawawa Fundraising Team and our other volunteers makes you even more proud

to be the host of this event."

The military presence is an integral part of Expo 150, including a Freedom of the County ceremony that, for the first time in Canadian history, will include the Cadets. The military is also heavily involved with site preparation and event security, and will also host a popular 5-acre interactive display during the event.

"We will be involving current and past leaders of CFB Petawawa in this event," explains Sweet, "and the Colonel Commandant of Cadets in Canada, Retired Major General Bob Meating, who resides in Calgary, is

planning to attend the event as well."

In addition to CFB Petawawa, another big exhibit being organized by members of the community is the Sports Centre. Doug Higgins, Tom Mohns and Steve Saunders are pulling together to showcase the achievements in sport of residents throughout Renfrew County, including hockey, baseball, golf, skiing and more. The Sports Centre will also include a focus on outdoor and wilderness activities that make Renfrew County so popular.

As mentioned, all of this takes place on the grounds of

the Pembroke & Area Airport, and Mayor Sweet is quick to appreciate their commitment to this event as well.

"I cannot thank the Airport staff and Commission enough for being available for Expo 150," he says. "They have been tremendous partners through these past two years of planning, and their active participation has made it easier for us to ensure the success of Expo 150."

Expo 150 will have a dedicated kid's zone, four days of music, presentations by Stone Fence Theatre, the choosing of Renfrew County Idols, hundreds of exhibits and displays, a classic car show and more.

Full details arrive regularly online at www.expo150.com. The event takes place June 9-12, 2011 and is free of charge to attend.

"This is a family event, and it is a free event thanks to the County of Renfrew and the generosity of sponsors who have helped us make it a reality," says Mayor Sweet who is also the Warden of



Renfrew County. "I encourage everyone to come out to Expo 150."

New Schools in Petawawa

by James Carmody

After a review of existing school facilities in Petawawa, a review committee recommended building two new schools. It was cost prohibitive to repair the existing schools and after discussions with the Town of Petawawa, land was secured just off Leeder Lane for the site of the new schools.

Renfrew County District School Board

Petawawa's General Panet High School, General Lake Public School and Pinecrest Public School will be closed before

the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Pineview and Herman Street Public Schools will remain open. A new school will be constructed and when the new school opens, it will house up to 1600 students from Kindergarten through grade 12.

Renfrew County Catholic District School Board

St Francis of Assisi school will be transferring its student body to their new facility by the end of 2011. The new school will house up to 220 students, and offer an extended French program and a full day, every day Kindergarten program.



Keep It Beautiful CONTEST

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fill in the attached form and deposit it at the Municipal Office at 1111 Victoria Street, Petawawa before midnight on May 8th for a chance to win one of five \$10.00 gift certificates from Hubert's Springhill Nursery. Winners to be notified on May 9th by telephone. Contest open to residents of Petawawa only.

2010 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

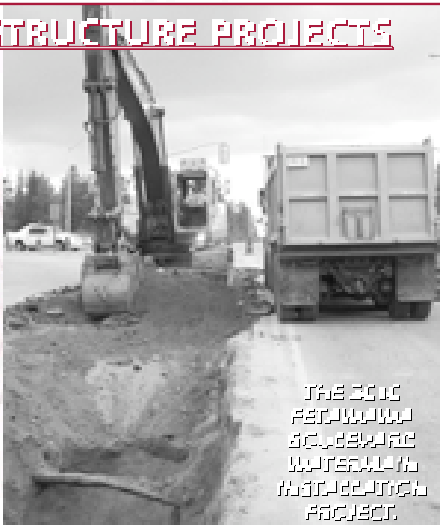
Major infrastructure projects completed in 2010:

- Russell Street Reconstruction - \$898,000
- Gutzman Road Rehabilitation - \$250,000
- River Drive Rehabilitation - \$336,000
- Petawawa Boulevard Watermain - \$650,000
- Harry Street Pumping Station - \$700,000

2011 Sidewalks

New sidewalks planned for 2011:

- Renfrew Street
- Roy Street
- John Street
- New Street
- Leeder Lane



Destination Petawawa!

One of the many tasks undertaken by the Economic Development department is tourism development and marketing for the Town. We are very fortunate to have world class amenities and natural wonders at our doorstep, and it is our job to let the world know what we have. The Ottawa and Petawawa rivers offer excellent boating, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and pristine beaches. We have two quality golf courses, abundant walking trails, the military museum, the heritage village and we are the gateway to Algonquin Park.

In our efforts to increase tourism we use various marketing tools including a visitor's guide, our website - www.petawawa.ca - our town map, and through various advertisements around the area, province, country and internationally. Staff attends various trade shows throughout the year and distributes materials through the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association. We work closely with the Parks and Recreation department to help develop new and existing festivals and events, and are looking to increase our profile as a conference centre.

We know what we have - now let's share it with the world!

FESTIVAL HALL

The Valley Arts Council (VAC) represents the Arts, Artists, Arts Organizations and Friends of the Arts throughout Renfrew and Pontiac Counties. You want a teacher for yourself or your child, CALL VAC; need a quartet for your reception, CALL VAC; need a space for a conference, CALL VAC; need help pricing a family treasure, CALL VAC. For additional information review our website at www.valleyartscouncil.ca

Festival Hall contains a community theatre, the Foyer Gallery, rooms for rent and conference space. The prices are some of the most economical in the area. Over 130,000 patrons and 42,000 volunteer hours in 2010 ensured an unforgettable time for our patrons. VAC has a management contract with the municipalities of Laurent Valley, Pembroke and Petawawa to manage the theatre and other available space at Festival Hall. Volunteers are the backbone of the organization. There are positions available for ushers, ticket takers, office, ticket sales, builders and the Board. Students may complete their community service in many task areas. There is training and new skills to learn. So call and become part of the community theatre team.



PUBLIC WORKS



Health Care in Petawawa

The Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre (PCFHC), located at 154 Civic Centre Road, hosts a Family Health Team made up of physicians, nurse practitioners, practical nurses, a pharmacist, a social worker, a dietitian and administrative staff, as well as a walk-in clinic. Since its inception in 2005, the PCFHC has grown substantially but continues to be challenged with difficulties recruiting physicians. While the PCFHC does not currently have the capacity to offer every Petawawa resident a family physician, we are very happy to announce the recruitment of Dr. Sarah Clouthier. Dr. Clouthier is currently doing her family medicine residency and will be joining the PCFHC when she completes this program in the summer of 2012. Dr. Clouthier is a native of Petawawa and is happy to be returning home to start her career as a family doctor.

The Health Centre also provides additional services including the following:

- Canadian Medical Laboratories (CML) – open weekdays 7:30am-12:30pm
- Marianhill Adult Day Program – call 613-735-6839 ext. 251 for information
- Renfrew County & District Health Unit – open Tuesdays and Wednesday from 1:30pm-4:00pm. Additionally, Sexual Health Clinics and Immunization Clinics are held at this location twice a month. Call 613-735-8643 ext. 547 for information.
- How 2 yoga classes – held Tuesday

evenings. Call 613-717-2929 for information.

- Madawaska Valley Midwives – call 1-877-757-0808 for information.
- Carefor Frozen Meals Depot – call 613-732-9993 for information.
- Pembroke Regional Hospital Diabetic Education Clinics - call 613-732-3675 ext. 6151 for information.

The PCFHC provides the following programs:

- Walk-in Clinic - Effective April 1, 2011 we will be open every Saturday (no week-nights). Registration starts at 8:30 am and spaces are limited. This program is open to all residents.
- Newborn Babies Program - The nurse practitioners at the PCFHC will take on the care of pregnant women and newborn babies who are without a family physician and reside in the PCFHC catchment area.
- Well Woman's Clinic - The nurse practitioners in this clinic they will see women who do not have family physicians and who only require regular preventative care (pap smears, breast exams, etc)
- High School Outreach Program - The nurse practitioners at the PCFHC are working with General Panet High School and the Renfrew County and District Health Unit to develop an in-school clinic for teens.
- Healthy Living Programs - The PCFHC dietitian runs various programs which are open to all area residents. These include



programs with topics such as Weight Loss Support, Nutrition for Seniors, Lipids 101, Cooking for One, Vitamin D, and Diabetes Survival Skills.

- Telemedicine (where no clinician is required to be present) - To save on travel, area residents seeing specialists may ask their specialist if it would be appropriate to see them using this video-conferencing service.
- Chronic Disease Self Management - We have a nurse practitioner trained to deliver a 6-week program to teach people how to manage their chronic disease. This program will begin April 28, 2011 and will be held at Miramichi Lodge. Looking for a family doctor?

The PCFHC physician wait list has now been amalgamated with the Upper Ottawa Valley Medical Recruitment Committee (UOVMMC) wait list. Patients seeking a physician are encouraged to register with the UOVMMC by visiting their website at <http://uovmedicalrecruit.ca/recruitment-form>. As well, patients are also encouraged to register with the Health Care Connects program by calling 1-800-445-1822.

For more information about the PCFHC visit our website at www.pcfhc.ca

Message from the Building Department

It was another busy year for the building department. While January and February were quiet, March exploded with 50 permits and it continued right through until end of the year. There were 369 building permits issued in 2010, up from 2009 where there were 333. All indications are that 2011 is going to be another busy year for the Building Department.

2010 brought construction of 131 new single family dwellings and 37 multi-residential new builds including an apartment building. There are currently 7 subdivisions in different phases with active construction of new homes and multi-residential units.

In the commercial sector, the majority of permits were alterations and renovations with a few businesses adding to their existing space.

The Renfrew County District Catholic School Board started construction of their new school off of Civic Centre Road in December and they

are hoping for completion later this year.

The chart below is a comparative chart for building permits issued over the last 6 years. You can see that the numbers of permits and the values of those permits continue to rise.

Swimming Pools

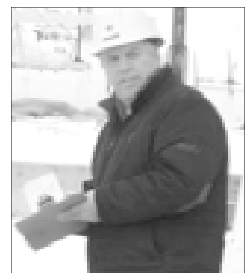
Backyard swimming pools are becoming more and more common within the Town of Petawawa. The Town does have a by-law regarding the installation of these pools and residents that are thinking of installing a pool should educate themselves on the rules and regulations. The highlights of the by-law are as follows:

If you have more than 18 inches of water in your pool you MUST have a permit. The fee for the permit is \$35.00 and applications are available online at www.petawawa.ca or you can pick one up at the office. Included with the application is a copy of the by-law. Please ensure that you call the office for a final inspection.

There are required safety issues that need to be inspected before your pool is filled. If you are selling your house and your pool has not been inspected, it could delay the sale.

Decks

There are new Ontario Building Code requirements when constructing a deck. A copy of the requirements is available at the Municipal Office. Be sure to pick up your copy if you planning to build or replace a deck this year.



Randy Mohns, Chief Building Official conducting a site inspection.

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Number of Building Permits	369	333	297	310	308	252
SFD-New Home	131	87	89	87	92	58
SFD-Alter/Repair	34	37	24	31	27	35
SFD - Addition	98	93	73	63	61	39
Commercial/Industrial	10	9	13	19	5	8
Multi - Residential	37	34	19	25	11	4
Garage	47	60	55	56	67	68
Misc.	0	7	12	15	6	9
Demolition	10	5	12	14	4	5
Septic Permits	32	42	41	39	43	67
Pool Permits	25	28	15	25	32	26
Cancelled Permits	2	1	0	0	1	2
Number of Permits	426	403	353	374	349	321
Construction Value	\$47.1M	\$31.0 M	\$32.9 M	\$27.2 M	\$21.9 M	\$13.8 M
Permit Fee	\$194,196	\$125,887	\$136,737	\$143,726	\$102,872	\$100,859

Message from Fire Department

The Town of Petawawa Fire Department, under Fire Chief Steve Knott, took delivery in February of a Carl Thibault built pumper. Built on a 2010 Spartan Metro Star chassis and powered by an Allison 3000 EVS transmission and a Cummins ICS 360-hp engine, the pumper is equipped with a Hale QMAX 1050 IGPM pump, a 2001 Foam Pro System 30 gallon capacity capable of handling Class A foam concentrates and a 1000 gallon Ultra-Poly water tank. The engine is certified to meet the EPA 2010 emissions standard. Chief Knott commends and applauds Council's proactive approach by "Going Green."

This new apparatus replaces a 1985 pumper designated in the Fire Departments Vehicle Replacement Schedule for replacement in 2010. Training on the new pumper has begun in earnest prior to the vehicle being put into active service and the firefighters welcome the up-to-date qualities that this pumper brings to the existing fleet. Pumper 9621 will be operated out of Station 2 on Victoria Street.



Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee

by Councillor
Theresa Sabourin

Our abilities change throughout our lifespan and may change as we age. We may have temporary disabilities or permanent ones. We may all experience some form of disability sooner or later. Disabilities may be visible or hidden, severe or mild, singular or multiple and/or chronic or intermittent and the cause of a disability may be from birth, from accident or injury or unknown.

People with disabilities often say their greatest obstacle is other people's attitudes, not their disability. The recently adopted Customer Service standard is an important step towards meeting a key component of the Ontario Human Rights Code: everyone has the right to equal treatment with respect to obtaining goods and services and using facilities without discrimination based on disability.

The Accessibility Advisory

Committee's (AAC) role is to advise and help municipal Council carry out its responsibilities under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA). Section 29 of the AODA spells out three main activities for an AAC: advising municipal council on the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation

of accessibility reports; reviewing site plans and drawings for buildings and facilities and providing advice on the preparation of accessibility reports required under the AODA.

If you would like more information about the ACC or would like to become a member of the committee, please visit the Town's website or call the Municipal Office.

OUTDOOR BURNING PERMITS

Fire Permits – By-law 294/04 regulates burning within the Town of Petawawa. You must have a permit to burn. There are two types of permits – recreational and open air.

OPEN AIR BURNING

- Is only available for residents living in certain designated rural areas with large lots.
- It is mainly for burning brush, etc and each application is assessed individually.
- Open Air burning is only allowed from November 1st – May 31st and in the evening only.
- Once the application has been approved by the Fire Chief (or his designate), the applicant is recorded on our authorized open air burning list.
- When the applicant wants to burn – he or she must come into the town office and pay a fee of \$2.00/day to burn.
- You may only request to burn for a maximum of 5 days (due to possible changes in weather conditions). The fire department will be notified once the permit has been issued.

RECREATIONAL BURNING

- Permits are for any home owner or tenant (with owner's written permission) to have either a small fire pit or a manufactured outdoor fire appliance.
- The application must be submitted to the Town of Petawawa complete with a photo and a drawing showing the fire pit (appliance) in relation to any building or trees.
- The Fire Chief will come out and inspect and once approved your permit will be issued.
- The cost of a recreational fire permit is annual fee of \$20.00 per year which is paid at time of renewal.

Further information is available at the Municipal Office or from the Fire Chief.

SENIORS AND EMERGENCIES

An emergency situation can be a very confusing and frightening time. It is very important that seniors be educated about the potential for emergencies and that they take steps to prepare themselves in the event of an emergency.

The following is a standard list of items that should be included in all emergency survival kits. Emergency Management Ontario recommends that enough supplies are included in this kit so that you are self sufficient for at least 72 hours (3 days).

Emergency Survival Kit Checklist:

- Flashlight and batteries
- Radio and batteries or crank radio
- Clothing and footwear
- Blankets or sleeping bag
- First-aid kit / Medication
- Toilet paper and other personal items / Whistle
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Backpack/duffle bag to hold items
- Extra car keys and cash
- Food and bottled water / Important papers / Playing cards

All seniors should have the basic emergency survival kit as outlined above; however they should also consider the need for the following items:

- Assistive devices such as canes, walkers, hearing aids, breathing apparatus, etc.
- Prescription eyewear and footwear
- Copies of prescriptions / Extra medications & vitamins
- Personal papers and identification
- List of names and phone numbers (family, doctor, case worker, seniors group contact)

For more information on emergency response and emergency planning please contact Karen Cronier, Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Petawawa at 613-687-5536 or by email at kcronier@petawawa.ca

TRAVELLING OUTSIDE CANADA?

You need a passport!

Passport applications available at the Municipal Office

Forms also available online at www.passportcanada.gc.ca

For more information call
1-800-567-6868

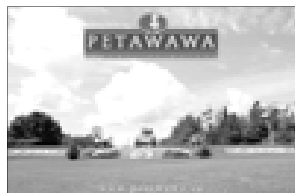


EMERGENCY PLANNING

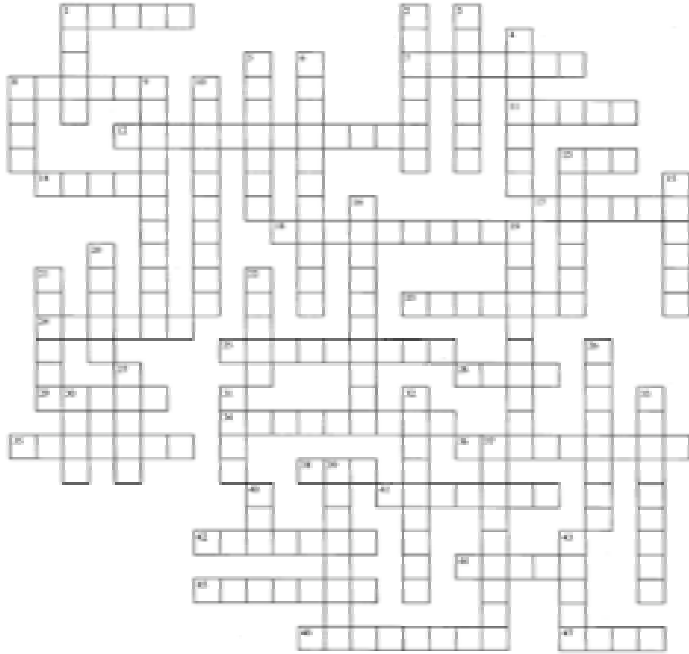
The Town of Petawawa is very pleased to have 6 additional phone lines installed into the Primary Emergency Operation Centre. This will greatly enhance our communications ability during the activation of our EOC. The Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) provided funds that supported such installation. JEPP is a national program initiated by the Federal government in 1980 and is designed to enhance the national emergency response capability. Emergency Management Ontario administers the JEPP program at a Provincial level.

Postcards Available at the Municipal Office

Cost: \$1.15 each



PETAWAWA PUZZLER



ACROSS

1. First stroke in a golf game
7. A Petawawa golf course
8. Our flat spot
11. Wood Experts
12. Old school stereo?
13. A question on most forms
14. Popular summer destination
17. Another old subdivision
18. Petawawa Park?
23. Old Church
24. Early Petawawa homesteader
25. Trailer hangout
28. First elected mayor of Petawawa
29. Longest serving mayor
34. Old FINA station?
36. A councillor in the village?

DOWN

38. Abbreviation for the Petawawa Unit
41. Tough trail
42. Older subdivision
44. Sweet street?
45. Where baby plants live.
46. Neighbouring City?
47. Local employer of note
1. Early Petawawa street
2. First mayor of Petawawa
3. One of the original credit cards
4. Our ski hill
5. Petawawa Marina
6. Early Petawawa merchant
8. Final stroke in a golf game
9. River Restaurant?
10. Old Convenience store

ACROSS

13. This church move to town from Black Bay
15. Old Airfield
16. Old Grocery Store
19. Popular Fishing Destination
20. A reeve in the village
21. Old car stereo shop
22. Watering hole?
26. Where one hears the noise of water?
27. Councillor in the Township
30. A reeve from Petawawa Township
31. Short street
32. Early name for cabin fever
33. Celebration Trail?
37. New subdivision?
39. A fire chief
40. A game that kids play
43. First Shopping Centre

The Petawawa Public Library - at your service and at your fingertips!

by Lynn Tweedie

Does any of this sound familiar?

- Your books are due today, but you can't get to the Library to renew them. How will you avoid the fine?
- It's 4:00 pm on Saturday and your child "suddenly" remembers he/she has a school project due on Monday. What will you do?
- You've finally decided to tackle that home improvement project. Where will you start?
- It's time to figure out what you want to do with your life. What are your career options and where can you find the training?
- You can't sleep and are desperate for a book – now. What are your options?

Don't despair; help is just a click away, 24 hours a day at www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca.

Select the link to our Online Catalogue to log onto your Library account from home, and renew your books before the fines start to accumulate. You can also place holds and order Interlibrary Loans! All you'll need is your 14-digit library card number and PIN (which we can provide on your next visit to the library).

By going to the Collections tab at www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca and selecting Online Databases, you'll discover a world of information at your fingertips any hour of the day or night. Just log in as directed.

- Students of all ages will find a variety of reliable online resources to support their research needs. From pictures and descriptions of animals, to articles about social issues, military issues and medical issues, there's something for everybody!
- For the D-I-Y enthusiast, we now have 2 Home Improvement online resources plus the Chilton Library and Small Engine Repair!
- Find out what your dream job is really like with Career Cruising and learn how to make it a reality.

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- For a late night reading fix, access eBooks and eAudiobooks through OverDrive and NetLibrary. All eAudiobooks can be downloaded to compatible personal listening devices and eBooks can be read online, or in the case of OverDrive, downloaded to compatible eReaders!

Our website also provides information about Membership, Volunteering and Donations, Programs and Events, and our Collections. It also outlines the Services, available to readers, researchers and teachers. We feature Useful Links to other Internet sites too.

Keep on top of our activities by consulting our online Event Calendar for program information. View our Facebook Page and Twitter feed for program reminders and late-breaking announcements.

Of course, you can visit us in person at 16 Civic Centre Road. We'll be happy to fill you in on what's going on at the Library, renew your items and help you find resources online, in the library or through Interlibrary loan. For more information, call us at 613-687-2227 or contact us at info@petawawapubliclibrary.ca. It's your library. Check it out!

Isn't It Time You Checked Out Petawawa Public Library

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or on the web at

www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca

How one business is saving lives and building our economy

The Business You Don't Know Exists

When you think of saving lives, you often think of doctors or heroics performed by emergency personnel. You probably wouldn't think of an airport, yet, that's exactly the place that makes saving lives possible.

The Pembroke & Area Airport, located on Len Hopkins Drive between Petawawa and Pembroke, has been providing a critical emergency service to medical staff, firefighters, police, the Coast Guard and others for years. As a fully certified airport, the opportunity to fly in and out of the Pembroke & Area Airport means that life-saving rescues in Algonquin Park and on the Ottawa River not only happen sooner, but increase the opportunity for success in situations where minutes

count.

The Airport is also the home base for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources who make high use of the facility during the Spring, Summer and Fall months as its closest air base to Algonquin Park. CFB Petawawa uses the facility for SAR (search and rescue) training as well as the 427 Squadron practicing approaches.

For a staff of three (two full time and one part time), offering aircraft maintenance and organizational services mean that local businesses benefit from the economic impact of the Airport. For example, private jets that often fly-in for business or personal reasons require transportation, lodging and food as key elements during their stay. Without the airport,

that business would likely end up in Ottawa. The staff is on-call 365 days a year, and provides unlimited resources to those who rely on the Airport.

While the owners of private aircraft need no introduction to the Airport, the community will likely become a bit more familiar with the facility this summer when it plays host to Expo 150 – the County of Renfrew's 150th anniversary celebration, June 9-12, 2011. A four-day festival will take place on the airport grounds, with more than 20,000 people expected to be on site over the four days.

The next time you're out for a drive, take a drive past the Pembroke & Area Airport and become familiar with the business that saves lives and builds your economy.

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization



The OHTO, which encompasses Renfrew County, Lanark County, Haliburton County, as well as parts of Hastings County, County of Lennox & Addington, and Frontenac County, is being established pursuant to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism's request to create an independent, industry-led, not-for-profit organization responsible for working with tourism partners to enhance and grow the region's tourism products and marketing activities.

"Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization" (OHTO), has received a two-year, \$1.75 million commitment from the Provincial government through the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

By providing regional leadership and coordination, the OHTO will help build and support a competitive and sustainable tourism region that will be better able to attract more visitors, generate more economic activity and create more jobs across the region.

Visit them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/ontarioshighlands>, or at www.ohto.ca

Petawawa Heritage Society

by Ann McIntyre, President

During the past year the Petawawa Heritage Society and its members have maximized the diverse opportunities presented to them through both the private and public sectors. This is evidenced by the numerous achievements accomplished at the Village site by our dedicated volunteers. Thanks to our local businesses, merchants and CFB Petawawa, the Society received over \$240,000 through in-kind donations (two log structures, building materials and local artisan construction work). This will now enable the Heritage Village to provide the best in culture and heritage programming to the

Petawawa area residents and its visitors.

The Society's board worked hard on an extensive list of priorities deemed to be important for future development and focused on accomplishing these goals, which can be seen with the expansion of the Village site. As always, we strive to maintain constant momentum for growth in membership, festivals, special events and the Village site itself.

Within the Petawawa Heritage Society, 2011 is the start of new beginnings. This year the Society will maintain its commitment to its members and the community by being responsible for the cultural

needs and services within the area. We also hope to begin our Heritage Master Plan which will define our future for the next five to ten years.

The creative economy calls for museums to become more proficient in technological applications; the Heritage Society will not remain solely in the past, but also move forward given this new technology. One of our goals this year

is to upgrade our website with user friendly applications such as an event calendar and membership access to enable updating of photos and/or historical information.

Thanks to a grant of \$16,600 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation we will soon light up the Village site both inside and out, using solar power. In the coming years this project will become a very



cost-effective measure, enabling us to expand our programming into the evening hours and later into the fall season.

Our latest venture is a monthly article in the Pembroke Observer which will focus on the many aspects of the history in our community. Written by one of our members, Dianne MacKinnon of Petawawa, the first instalment was featured in the February 25th edition of the newspaper titled "The Mattawa Road". We are hopeful that future arti-

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cles will be both interesting and informative and enjoyed by the Observer's readership.

In closing, I extend many thanks to our exceptional volunteer members of the committee and their considerable talents who dedicate their valuable time in helping the Society achieve its goals. A further thank you to all the Society's membership for their support. We welcome and appreciate your comments, feedback and continued involvement.

Horticultural Society

by Lois O'Brien

The Petawawa Horticultural Society began in 1997 with only 7 members. Today we have over 200 members including individuals, families and businesses. Our objective is to encourage interest and improvement in horticulture. Our society meets at 7 pm on the second Monday of every month at the Civic Centre, except during the summer when we take a break to tend to our gardens. We have a community garden at the Civic Centre where interested gardeners can rent a plot for a reasonable rate.

Two years ago we partnered with the Civic Centre to provide Friday Markets during the summer. This year we start on June 24th. The market runs from 10 am until 3 pm at the Kin Hut parking lot. Local vendors can rent a table to sell their products. Merchandise or produce must be grown locally. We will be hosting Taste of the Valley on August 12th at the Civic Centre. We also encourage young gardeners to participate in this summer's exciting new project: pollinator patches.

Please consider joining the Horticultural Society! For more information, please contact Gord Strathy at 613-687-5435 or Lois O'Brien at 613-687-8049.



Petawawa residents "walk lightly in the environment"

by Janet Rose, OVVRC Communications Coordinator

The numbers from the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVVRC) are in and they show that Petawawa residents are doing a great job reducing their waste! In 2010, residents of Petawawa reduced the amount of garbage they sent to landfill by 6.3% - that's a total of 146 tonnes or 146,000 kilograms of waste kept out of the landfill.

Tom Mohns, Town of Petawawa Councillor and Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board Vice-Chair is pleased with the town's reduction in garbage. "Our goal from the start of the Waste Recovery Centre has been to extend the life of our local landfill," comments Mr. Mohns. "Reducing the amount

of garbage disposed of at the landfill is key to ensuring we have local landfill space for years to come. Our residents are demonstrating their commitment to the town's recycling and composting programs, but we can always look for ways to do more."

What can Petawawa residents do to keep up the good work? The OVVRC offers several programs which divert material from landfill in addition to recycling and composting. Diversion programs exist for tires, hazardous waste and waste electronics which residents can drop off at the Centre year round or at one of the mobile Environmental Days in the community.

In 2010, the OVVRC expanded the type of electronic waste (e-waste) it would accept and this material was no longer accepted for curbside bulky item pick up. Because of this, Petawawa residents dropped off 6 tonnes of e-waste during the mobile event at the Civic Centre; contributing to the over 100 tonnes of e-waste OVVRC sent for recycling, which in previous years would have been destined for the landfill.

The OVVRC is also working to help you recycle when you are out in the community. The centre has purchased new special event recycling containers that can be borrowed by organizers of events such as festivals, concerts and tournaments. "Our community has an excellent curbside collection

recycling program and people want to have the same opportunities to recycle when they are at events," states Sue McCrae, OVVRC General Manager. "Making recycling bins available for special events is helping to provide this opportunity and is another way to reduce waste."

Many Petawawa organizers have already heard about the new containers and will be using them for recycling at their events this year. Be on the look-out for recycling at Renfrew County Expo 150 (June 9th - 12th), Civic Centre Days (June 16th - 19th) and Ribfest (August 19th - 21st). Event organizers can arrange to borrow the special event recycling containers by phoning the OVVRC at 613-735-7537 or download a copy of the request form from our website www.ovvrc.com.

Collection schedules were delivered in late March. Use it to check your collection days, special pick up days and what you can recycle and compost. If you did not receive your collection schedule, copies can be downloaded from www.ovvrc.com and are available at your Municipal Office or from OVVRC.

Landfill Gas Collection System. Waste reduction is not the only success Town of Petawawa residents have been a part of recently. In early 2011, the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre's Landfill Gas Collection System will be operational. Through a series of wells and pipes, the centre will

be collecting and flaring the methane gas generated from decomposing waste in the landfill site. This new system is a requirement from the Ministry of the Environment to help reduce emission of greenhouses gases such as methane, which contribute to global warming. Using an enclosed flare system at the OVVRC, methane will be converted to carbon dioxide. Methane has up to 23 times the global warming potential as carbon dioxide.

This system cost just over \$2.4 million to construct. The Centre received funding from the Ministry of the Environment for \$1.6 million dollars. The remaining is funded by the OVVRC's partner Municipalities of which Petawawa's contribution was just over \$305,000.

"The landfill gas collection system is another way the centre is ensuring our operations have as little impact as possible on the environment," comments Mr. Mohns. "Even though our town's financial contribution is significant we understand this is an important system and the board looks forward to evaluating the potential of utilizing the methane gas to possibly heat the buildings or even generate electricity."

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre congratulates the Town of Petawawa and its residents for reducing their waste and for "Walking Lightly on the Environment."



Volunteer in a Community Club

You are the difference! If you have only a few hours or a few hours a week, it only takes one person at a time to make a big difference. If you want to make that difference in your community, we want to help you take a step in that right direction. There are several ways to leave your mark in life by volunteering with a service group, youth sporting league, charity, community group or special event. If you can find the time, we can find you a group to work with. Contact us at (613) 687-5678 ext. 22 or visit www.petawawa.ca

WHITE CANE CLUB

The White Cane Club is a group of people who are severely vision impaired. Blindness can be a very isolating condition and our club provides a friendly environment for us to share ideas about our own experiences and discuss the latest assistive devices. The group is also very active in the community pro-

moting advocacy through social activities such as bowling, fishing tournaments, snowshoeing, and road trip. It also promotes advocacy through information sharing and public education.

For more information on the White Cane Club or to become a volunteer, please contact Jackie Black at 613-687-9147 or Darrell Furgoch at 613-687-7092.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary International is the world's premiere service club organization with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary Club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace and eradicate. We do this under the motto "Service Above Self". Clubs are non-political, non-religious and open to all cultures, races and creeds.

The Rotary Club of Petawawa is celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2011. Over the past 50 years, Petawawa Rotary has made a significant contribution to the community of Petawawa, to vocational service and international efforts. Accomplishments within the community include the Millennium Trail, local food banks, Rotary Room and the Petawawa Library, the Library Garden, Scouts Canada, Cadets, Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre, and the Pembroke Regional Hospital. We also contribute to the Canadian

Cancer Society Relay for Life, Petawawa Civic Centre and Columbus House.

In vocational service, Petawawa Rotary has contributed to annual high school bursary programs, Algonquin College, Literacy Plus, Options for Careers (started by a local Rotarian), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Science Academy, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Internationally, Petawawa Rotary has supported Youth Exchange Programs, Shelter Boxes in Haiti, Pakistan and Indonesia; reconstruction in Guatemala; solar lights in El Salvador and Africa; building a school in Afghanistan; computers in Columbia; a clean water supply in a Costa Rica village; school garden projects in Honduras; and water storage tanks.

Petawawa Rotary meets every Tuesday at 6:00 pm at Danny's Restaurant in Petawawa. If you think you are the right fit for such a dynamic organization, we always welcome new members. You can check out our website at www.clubrunner.ca/petawawa

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, and public works.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council in 1882 to more than 15,000 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. The Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus has supported an annual Catholic Youth Leadership Camp at Mount Alverno Retreat Centre, Caledon, Ontario for the last 18 years. The Knights have contributed more than \$16.5 million dollars towards arthritis research and community support.

PETAWAWA LEGION

A Legion Branch is a club for the congregation of its members and their friends, but is also so much more than this: The commitment of the Legion to its members and to the community at large is expressed in its Mission Statement:

"Our mission is to serve veterans, which includes serving Military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our Communities and our Country."

The Legion keeps that pledge by its work throughout the year in support of the veterans of past conflicts and of those who still dedicate their lives to the service of Canada. Several times a year, Branch 517 holds ceremonial events to honour those who lost their lives in historic conflicts, and the best-known of these, of course, is Remembrance Day on November 11th.

The work of Legion members is not limited to their connections with the Military - they provide financial and physical support for many community functions and organisations with emphasis on Seniors and the young people of our area, including local Minor Sports, the 2642 RCR Cadet group, and a local

youth group known as "The Grind". In Petawawa, people of all ages are also welcome to join the Legion Band and may learn to play an instrument through its Band School, and the public is always invited to join us at any of the several social events held during the year.

In order to finance their support of these groups and events, dedicated members can be seen at working together to provide regular services to the public throughout the year to raise funds. Meals are offered on a weekly or monthly basis, including Fish and Chip Dinners throughout the winter and barbecues on the patio during the summer months. Other social events take the form of weekly euchre, darts, and monthly karaoke and Trivia Pursuit contests, and members regularly help to run Bingo contests at the local bingo emporium.

Petawawa is well-known throughout the Valley for the willingness of its citizens to volunteer their time and effort for the good of the community at large, and Legion members share with other local service clubs the friendship forged from a bond of willingness to work towards a common goal. Anyone wishing to join us should visit Legion Branch 517 and talk with any member; application forms are available at the office upstairs or at the bar downstairs.

OUR LADY OF SORROW CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

by Joanne Jefferies, CWL President

Founded in 1938, Our Lady of Sorrows CWL (Catholic Women's League) is part of a national organization rooted in gospel values contributing to the vitality of the Church, family, home and global community. Members meet monthly at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Centre for spiritual, business, and social connection. As volunteers, the CWL serve the needs of our Parish by preparing and serving funeral luncheons, praying for needs of the Parish and assisting in youth Catechism. The CWL raises funds for charities such as First Options, Right to Life and the Dominican Republic Experience. Catholic Education is supported

with donations to Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy and a bursary is provided to a graduating student preparing for post secondary education. We also provide baby items to new mothers at the Pembroke Regional Hospital. Our meetings, open to all women, take place once a month (Sept. to Jun.) and are posted in the Parish bulletin. Social events include a catered June dinner, Potluck Christmas dinner and annual Christmas Tea & Bazaar. We welcome new members to share in faith, fellowship and fun. Contact Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Office at 613-687-4764 for details.

PEMBROKE PETAWAWA LIONS CLUB

Whenever a Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller, and communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed - in our own communities and around the world - with unmatched integrity and energy.

Everywhere we work, we make friends, at our pancake breakfasts, weekly bingos, our various fundraisers, and with people we may never meet. When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve. It's something that unites Lions

around the world. And it's unconditional. Lions aren't limited by continents or restricted to certain causes. We help wherever, whenever and however we can. Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world.

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

GREATER PETAWAWA CIVITAN CLUB

The Greater Petawawa Civitan Club was formed in 1988 by 6 former Civitan members. Our Chapter President was the late Ambrose Mackenzie and Charter Treasurer was and still is Civitan Bruce Skelhorn.

We started out with a bingo once every 2 weeks at the Civic Centre and then gradually emerging to weekly bingos on Saturday afternoons on the arena floor during the summer and moving upstairs to the main hall during the hockey season. We now hold weekly bingos on Sunday nights at the Civic Centre starting at 6:30 pm for the flash games and 7:00 pm for the regular games. We also hold regular monthly bingos at the 2 senior residents' homes in Pembroke for the seniors to enjoy an evening of bingo.

Our club helps local events and groups such as the Cabin Fever, Civic Centre Days, the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre, the Petawawa Predators Swim Club, the Petawawa Library, the

Petawawa Fire Department, the Pembroke Regional Hospital, the Deep River and District Hospital, St. Joseph's Food Bank, Salvation Army, Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Special Olympics, Canadian Institute for the Blind, Scouts Canada, Greenwings and many more. We also support our own special interests, including the Civitan International Research Centre in Birmingham, Alabama as well as our Civitan International Foundation of Canada. As of February 2011, our donations since September 1988 total \$1,513,512.23.

For more information on our club, please feel free to contact our President Civitan Ed Yahnke at 613-687-4139 or our Treasurer Civitan Bruce Skelhorn at 613-687-6196. Our club meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Civic Centre. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the club, come out and see us in action on Sunday nights at the bingo.

PETAWAWA SILVER THREADS SENIOR CLUB

by Barbara E. Bailey

The Silver Threads Seniors Club is located at 1163 Victoria St., P.O. Box 313, Petawawa, Ontario, K8H 3J1. You can find us upstairs in the Lions Club building. Yes, we do have an elevator. The criteria for membership is that you be 50 years of age. The cost of membership is \$15 per year. There is a small fee for the daily/weekly activities. The list of weekly activities at the club are: Bingo, Bridge Lessons, Contact Bridge, Duplicate Bridge, Euchre, FAB Fitness, Quilting, Shuffleboard, Square Dancing, Swedish Weaving, and Tole Painting.

We also have Dinner/Dances on Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Western Night, Oktoberfest and Christmas. Our fundraisers for the year are the Lilac Tea in the spring and the Christmas Tea in the month of December. We host financial seminars and food seminars during the winter months. The centre is a great place to meet old friends and make new friends. We have numerous bus trips to Casino du Lac Leamy in Gatineau, various events at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Wine Tours and trips to the museums and

cruise boat trips on the canal in Ottawa. Bus trips are a fun time, we stop for lunch and supper at various places, and there's always time for shopping.

Winter/spring office hours at the club are Monday and Tuesday from 9 am - 1 pm and Wednesday from 9 am - noon. You can contact us by phone at 687-6574, by email at silverthreads@bellnet.ca, and by fax at 687-7009.

During the summer months, some activities cease, and others like bridge and euchre carry on. We have a small library in the craft room, members are welcome to borrow books and the club is a nice cool place to be in the summer. The Renfrew County Senior games are taking place in Barry's Bay on June 2, 2011. Check out the Renfrew County website and the Barry's Bay Seniors Club website for more details.

We have a weekly column in the Petawawa Post, the Pembroke Observer, and the North Renfrew Times. We will soon have our own webpage, so our members can get in touch with us by the click of a mouse. The Silver Threads Seniors Club is here for you. Come out and enjoy the fellowship.

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