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## *Message from the Mayor*



residents up-to-date on current events within our municipality. By producing the annual Town Times, we also offer a tangible reference to our residents who may be like me and prefer to step away from the electronic devices and put our feet up and relax and read. While looking through the pages of this edition you are going to be introduced to our municipal staff who work behind the scenes and conduct research, prepare reports, and provide advice to members of Council to make informed decisions on matters of importance that will affect you – our residents. As always, our municipal staff endeavour to provide the best customer service possible. If you have a question regarding municipal government, please feel free to call the municipal office at 613-687-5536, and your call will be directed to the appropriate department.

In 2012 the municipal tax rate for the Town of Petawawa was reduced by 3.61% and we achieved the lowest tax rate in all of Renfrew County. Water and sewer rates, which are strictly user-pay, are also some of the lowest around. The Town is working diligently to ensure the long-term sustainability of our water and wastewater systems. Council budgeted \$4.3 million in 2012 for infrastruc-

ture projects. Some of these projects included: Victoria Street reconstruction, Renfrew Street urbanization, Evergreen Drive rehabilitation, Sylvan Drive rehabilitation, Herman Street Phase 2 reconstruction, Petawawa River bridge watermain, and Rantz Road Phase 2 rehabilitation. Council would like to extend our collective appreciation for the patience and understanding of those residents most significantly affected by the inconveniences of the above noted construction projects.

Council supported a great variety of initiatives in terms of both residential and commercial development in 2012. The Town issued 335 building permits with a value of over \$56 million and total property assessment has now reached a level of \$1.37 billion. Development continues to occur within six active subdivisions and the Town anticipates residential development proceeding in 2013 on Portage Road and Shamess Road. The Town continues to maintain a close relationship with CFB Petawawa where the construction of the Chinook Helicopter Squadron hangar, LAV barn, and various other construction projects has a substantial impact on our local economy.

The Library and the Civic Centre continue to be the central location for many community recreational, social, and cultural activities. To honour our many volunteers, without whom the

Civic Centre wouldn't be the recreation mecca it is today, the Town named the driveway entrance to the Civic Centre "Volunteer Way". In 2012/2013 the Parks and Recreation Department conducted a successful Leash Free Dog Park Pilot Project, Council and staff are currently looking for a permanent location for the dog park. We are also looking forward to expanding our recreation facilities by installing a splash pad this summer as well as being the host to the first ever "Book Tree" in Canada.

We will continue with our commitment to ensuring that our spending and action plans reflect not only the needs of our citizens today but that they also provide a solid foundation for the future of Petawawa. 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. Be sure to participate in the "I Love Petawawa" campaign, initiated by our Tourism Destination Development Committee, and share your love of our community.

**Bob Sweet**  
Mayor ~ Town of Petawawa





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## 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 Clean Water Agency (OCWA).....	613-687-2141
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP dispatch).....	888-310-1122
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
www.drhd.org	ext.166

## Succession Planning for the Town of Petawawa



By Mitch Stillman,  
CAO/Clerk

Council has recently adopted a succession plan-

ning policy for the Town of Petawawa to ensure administrative continuity in the functioning of the municipality.

Council has recognized that a number of significant factors face today's municipalities in regard to the retention and recruitment of administrative and corporate leadership. These challenges include the fact that there is a predicted worker shortage, particularly in "business critical" positions in senior management, due to an aging workforce in the public sector and a significant number of forthcoming baby boomer retirements.

Other challenges are that "business critical" po-

sitions (eg. CAO/Clerk, Treasurer, and Department Heads) require a high degree of specialized and corporate knowledge that may not be available in the local workforce, that skills and competencies required to fill the positions may be highly sought after and that if some of the positions were left vacant it would cause serious difficulties for the municipality to meet regulatory and legislated requirements.

Succession planning and management is defined as a process for identifying and developing potential future leaders or senior managers, to fill the identified "business critical" positions, either in the short or the long term.

In addition to training and development activities the succession planning program includes the provision of practical,

tailored work experience that will be relevant for future senior or key roles. This process identifies individuals who express in and have the potential to fill key areas and provides these individuals with the appropriate opportunities to acquire the necessary skills and to compete for these positions when they become available. Succession planning does not entail guaranteed promotion for individual members of staff. It is not about identifying individual candidates for specific positions.

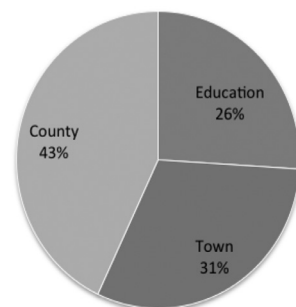
The succession planning policy instituted by Council will ensure that the Town of Petawawa is positioned to face the future challenges of maintaining administrative excellence for the Town in the future, as it has in the past for the residents and ratepayers.

## TAX NOTES

### Where do your tax dollars go?

#### Town of Petawawa 2012 Residential Property Tax Bill

#### Percentage of Tax Dollars



- Residential taxes for the year are paid in three instalments 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 on-line or telephone banking. Please contact the Tax Department at 613-687-5536 for assistance in determining a suitable payment amount.



## MAKING CENTS OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

The elimination of the penny does not change the value of your property tax bill nor the payment expected. Cash transactions will continue to be settled to exact change as long as the supply of pennies permits. Once that supply has been exhausted, residents will be encouraged to round their cash payments up to the next five-cent increment to ensure that their tax responsibility has been met. The credit that this rounding creates will be carried forward and applied in favour of the ratepayer on the next property tax instalment due.

To avoid any confusion created by this suggested rounding, residents are invited to join with thousands of other Petawawa ratepayers already remitting their tax levies by electronic means. Electronic bill payments, as well as those made by cheque, are not affected by rounding as they can be settled to the exact amount. Your debit payment is accepted at the Town Hall during regular business hours. Also consider the convenience of on-line, bank machine or in-branch payment methods available through most major financial institutions. The information required to make your payment is referenced on the tax bill.

Questions? Call 613-687-5536 or email us at email@petawawa.ca.

**WiFi Zones**  
Did you know there are WiFi areas in Petawawa?  
Watch for WiFi Hot Spot Signs at these Petawawa locations:

- Norman Behnke Hall - 11 Norman Street
- Town Office - 1111 Victoria Street
- Pembroke/Petawawa Lions Club Hall - 1163 Victoria Street
- Evergreen Stage (off Algonquin Street) - 18 Park Drive

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## TOWN TIMES EDITORS:

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

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

Additional copies are available at the Municipal Office at 1111 Victoria Street or you may view the Town Times on our website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca).





## Petawawa Heritage Society "Located in your own Backyard"

Submitted by Ann McIntyre, President,  
Petawawa Heritage Society/Village

Well, 2012 is now behind us and what a season it proved to be! Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and summer staff we managed to receive our Tourism Destination Certification "OH!vation". This was achieved not only for our Heritage Village, but the Settler Festival as well. Last season was also very busy for school tours and for the first time we had to turn away schools in June. We are fast becoming a destination for school day trips. However, it is not only the young who are interested in what our Heritage Village is all about but also the seniors, and the 2012 season brought us five senior centre bus tours. Even with the drought, just over 3000 visitors toured the site, which equates to about 1/5th of the population of Petawawa.

So you are likely asking yourself what we can possibly do to top that – well, I'll tell you. We will be bringing even more to the table for our 2013 season by stepping up our marketing of the village to help strengthen our brand and image. Multi media will become an even more important part of our marketing strategy. A new publication Travel Our Backyard will reach out to 30,000 visitors and we plan on tapping into this by placing an advertisement in the publication. We will still have a strong presence with the OVTA and OHTO, but we will be stepping up our game to include the province which will begin with Travel Ontario.

We are always looking for new partners and this year will be no different. Thanks to RGT Clouthier Construction, CH Concrete, Allied Concrete Products, 2CER CFB Petawawa and the Town of Petawawa, we are finally getting a washroom on the site. We anticipate construction will begin in early April to be ready prior to the school day trip arrivals. We have also formed a partnership with PMFRC and will be hosting a "WELCOME TO PETAWAWA" event September 28th 2013. With the 150th Anniversary of the Town fast approaching in 2015, we are also planning a beautification project for the site.

The Heritage Society is always busy in the background with members holding positions on the OVTA, CFB Petawawa Museum Board of Governors and recently the Town of Petawawa Strategic Destination Team; we have also been assigned with the Culture and Heritage Task Team. After taking on this task a meeting was held with various invited local artists, quilters, writers, musicians and crafters to discuss and determine what other types of cultural activities are needed in the community. This was one of the most productive meetings that I have chaired; these people came prepared, enabling me to present a very detailed, informative report to the Tourism Destination Team.

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

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

## Town of Petawawa employees recognized for years of service



Town of Petawawa employees and Volunteer Firefighters were recognized recently for their years of service to Petawawa residents. Pictured from left to right are: Shawn Stencill (15 years of service, Petawawa Fire Department), Larry Green (30 years of service and retirement from the Parks and Recreation Department), Tim Allen (20 years of service, Petawawa Fire Department), and Kelly Thompson (15 years of service, Petawawa Public Library). Missing from the photo is Janet Coulas (20 years of service, Petawawa Public Library).

## PETAWAWA UPDATE

### Eastern Ontario Regional Network Expanding High-Speed Access in Petawawa Local network to be completed by fall 2013

Homes and businesses in Petawawa will have improved high-speed internet access by fall 2013 thanks to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), a rural broadband project spearheaded by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

In eastern Renfrew County, including Petawawa and communities such as Deep River, Pembroke, Renfrew and Arnprior, Bell Aliant has been contracted to provide expanded wired DSL service. Bell Aliant's network will rely on 65 kilometres of new fibre optic cable and two dozen remote access points to extend high-speed service.

In Petawawa, it includes 10 new kilometres of fibre and two new DSL access points. This expansion will help fill in gaps and build on previous work completed in 2010 and 2011 that involved building nine new access points. The result is expanded broadband access to some areas and higher bandwidth options in others.

The new project will provide services ranging from 1.5 Mbps to up to 16 Mbps, depending on the customer location. These speeds will

enable users to stream video and other innovative applications that will support various sectors, including business, health and education.

EORN is funded by federal, provincial and municipal governments and private sector investment. Initially worth \$170 million, the value of the project has grown to some \$260 million when private sector in-kind contributions and service agreements are included.

EORN is expanding high-speed access across all of rural Eastern Ontario, a region of 50,000 square kilometres. The regional network includes a 5,500-km

fibre optic backbone, which runs throughout the region. Local networks, like the one in eastern Renfrew County, are built off of the backbone. Improved pricing and packages for satellite broadband services are also available in Eastern Ontario as a result of the broadband project.

Submitted by  
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### COMMISSIONING SERVICES AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Need someone to witness your signature?

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.

## PLANNING FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IN THE TOWN OF PETAWAWA

By Karen Cronier, Planning Coordinator

Active transportation is defined as "non-motorized travel, including walking cycling, rollerblading and movements with mobility devices," according to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. The Town of Petawawa provides the opportunity for residents to participate in active transportation through the provision of sidewalks, on-road bicycle lanes, off-road trail systems, multi-use pathways, bike parking facilities, and crosswalks which are all part of the active transportation network.

The community benefits from active transportation are significant and include health benefits, safety benefits, environmental benefits, social and community benefits and economic benefits.

The form of transportation that a person chooses can impact their health and overall well-being. By choosing to walk or cycle they are incorporating an excellent form of exercise into their daily lives and contribute to their physical activity which aids in combating the rise in obesity and the incidence of diabetes. Safety benefits are enjoyed by the construction of well designed streets that

include sidewalks and bicycle lanes that can reduce the frequency and severity of pedestrian and cyclist injuries.

Active transportation has environmental benefits in that it produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution as compared to motorized travel. Travelling by bike or taking a leisurely walk provides the participant with a more intimate perspective of their neighbourhood and puts more "eyes on the streets". Biking and walking encourages more social interaction and provides neighbours with a sense of community. It is also a very economical form of transportation and in some cases may be the only choice of transportation based on age, health or income.

When reviewing subdivision plans and site plans the Town attempts to consider the importance of active transportation and how the needs of pedestrian and bicycle traffic can be incorporated within the development. We will continue to encourage the development of efficient land use patterns and promote the linking of trails and sidewalks that will provide greater opportunities for our residents to get active.





## Some Facts about Policing in Petawawa

Submitted by Treena Lemay, Chair –  
Petawawa Police Services Board

The Police Services Board unveiled its renewed web site this year – at [www.petawawapsb.ca](http://www.petawawapsb.ca). Please visit it for an opportunity to learn more about policing statistics in Petawawa, the Board's month-

ly meeting activity, FAQ's and an excellent link to a document that may be of interest to you in explaining the costs associated with policing in Ontario.

All policing for the Upper Ottawa Valley will always be headquartered out of the OPP Detachment offices located at

1913 Petawawa Boulevard.

The geographic Detachment area is divided into 5 "Zones" for the purpose of organization and staff delegation.

The Town of Petawawa is identified as being in "Zone 2"; (Laurentian Hills, Laurentian Valley, Whitewater Region, Head Clara and Maria, Admaston Bromley and Pembroke comprise the other "Zones").

Our "Zone 2" OPP officers responded to 2,917 "calls for service" in Petawawa in 2012 compared to 2,659 calls in 2011 and 2,335 calls in 2010. These calls required a variety of responses for events such as: assaults, break and enters, nuisance & traffic complaints, frauds, false alarms, liquor license violations, substance abuse, weapons-related charges and thefts from vehicles.

A comparison chart of statistics, such as the ones above, over the past few years is included on the web site for Town residents to view.

The expanding size of the detach-

ment area will now require a new position of "Inspector" to oversee the Detachment. In addition, the currently vacant Staff Sergeant position will also be advertised, bringing to two, the number of new senior supervisory personnel. Both positions are expected to be filled by early summer.

2012 saw the launch of a Board-sponsored survey designed to gauge the Petawawa community's degree of satisfaction with policing services. Survey results will be compiled and posted on the web site within the next few months. Please have a "look-see" when you have a chance.

Questions related to the Police Services Board, its role and responsibilities and/or policing in Petawawa are always welcomed. Please feel free to contact the Board members by message at the Town of Petawawa at 613-687-5536 or the OPP Detachment Commander A/Inspector Jeff Smith at 613-735-0188 (Office) or 1-888-310-1122 (TDD/TTY Phone).



Submitted by Karen  
Cronier, Community  
Emergency Management  
Coordinator

The Town of Petawawa is a safe place to live and work; however, emergencies can happen anywhere and at any time. You, as a resident of the Town of Pet-

## EMERGENCY PLANNING TIPS FOR DEALING WITH HIGH WINDS AND SEVERE RAINFALL

awawa have a role to play in keeping our community safe. Individuals and families should be prepared to take care of themselves for a minimum of 72 hours in the event of an emergency.

On several occasions during our summer months, the Town has had to deal with high winds and severe rainfall events. Emergency Management Ontario advises the public to follow a set of safety tips in the event of severe weather.

### BEFORE THE STORM

- Listen to your local radio station for up to date weather information.
- Store or tie down all outdoor furniture, garbage cans, or anything else that may blow around.
- If possible trim dead or rotting branches from at-risk trees and check the drainage around your house.
- Arrange a meeting place or prearrange communications with family members.
- Have a supply of water, food, clothing, blankets, medication and first aid kits as well as batteries, flashlights and a portable radio.

### DURING THE STORM

- If winds become extremely high, take shelter in a basement, closet or beneath

stairways, if not available position yourself under sturdy furniture.

- If outdoors take shelter immediately. If there is lightning and you can't get inside, lie in a depressed area such as a ditch, but never under a tree.
- Do not approach any downed power lines or get out of your car if lines fall across your vehicle.
- Avoid driving through flooded roads and underpasses.
- Use caution when driving because traffic lights may not operate.
- Do not use 911 unless it is a true emergency.
- Listen to local radio for weather updates.
- Check on elderly or disabled neighbours.
- If there is a power outage, keep your fridge and freezer shut unless absolutely necessary.
- Don't use charcoal, gas barbecues or home generators indoors.

By preparing an emergency kit and discussing your reaction to emergencies with your family before an actual event, you are helping to ensure that the Town of Petawawa is a more disaster resilient community.

## ADVERTISE WITH THE TOWN OF PETAWAWA

ADVERTISING SPACE IS AVAILABLE  
ON THE ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD AT  
THE INTERSECTION OF DORAN ROAD  
AND HILDA STREET.

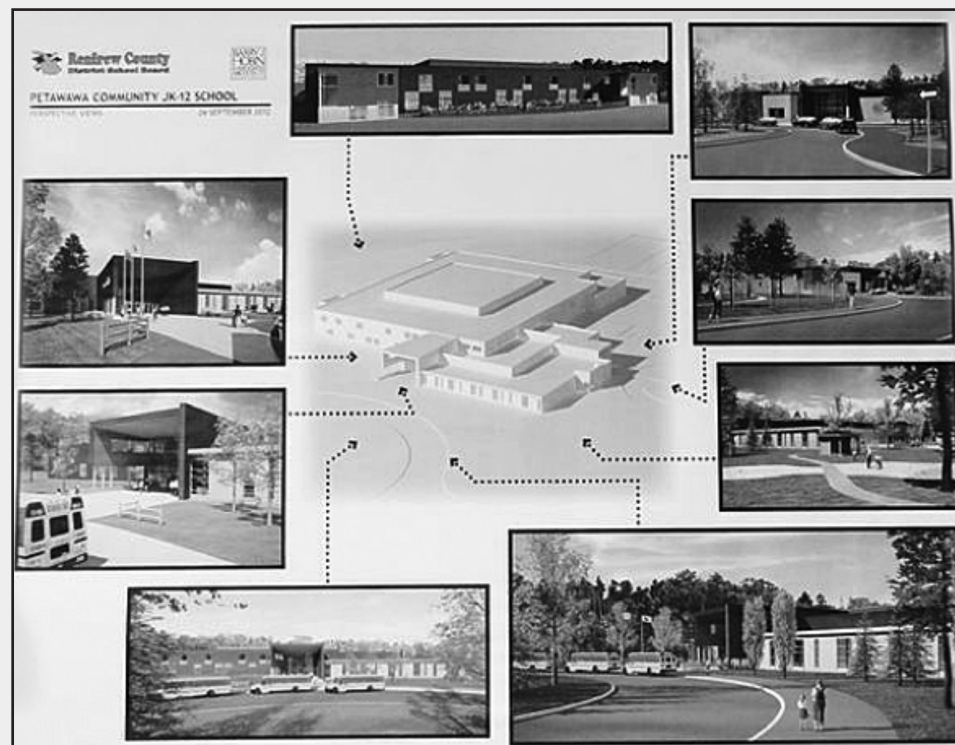
CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT  
613-687-5678 FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION.

## New Petawawa School Beginning to Take Shape

Construction began in winter 2013 on a new two-storey, 126,000 square-foot Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 facility located at 19 Leeder Lane. The result will be an amazing, dual stream English and French Immersion, state of the art school, which will meet our students' learning needs well into the future. The new school will have the ability to educate 1,460 students – 860 elementary and 600 secondary students. The new school will open September 2014.



For further information contact:  
RCDSB Chair David Kaiser  
613-628-5428 or  
RCDSB communications officer  
Jake Davies  
613-735-0151 ext. 2210



Concept design drawing of proposed school.



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  
Christine Mitchell at  
[cmitchell@petawawa.ca](mailto:cmitchell@petawawa.ca) or  
613-687-5536 ext. 2017.







# 2012 Outstanding Student Citizenship Award recipients



The Town of Petawawa handed out its 2012 Outstanding Student Citizenship Awards on Monday, June 18, 2012. The 2012 recipients were (front left to right) Maggie Kinney, Katherine Ziebarth, Kiera Whitelock and Shelby Eastwood. The awards were presented by Mayor Bob Sweet and program co-ordinator Bev Bimm. Missing from photo is recipient Will Guthrie. (Photo credit: Sean Chase, The Daily Observer)

## SERVICE CLUBS IN PETAWAWA

### • Get Involved in Your Community •



#### Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club

The Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club is a leader in community events and in raising funds to support key projects; the group also hosts a pancake breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. They are located at 1163 Victoria Street and have two halls available for rent for weddings, parties, business meetings, etc. For more information please call 613-687-5020 or visit [www.pempetlions.com](http://www.pempetlions.com).



#### Greater Petawawa Civitan Club

The Civitan Club meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Petawawa Civic Centre. For more information, please feel free to contact President Darlene Lambert at 613-735-6069 or Treasurer Bruce Skelhorn at 613-687-6196. If you are interested in joining, come out and see the Civitan Club in action on Sunday nights at the bingo at the Civic Centre: doors open at 5:30 p.m., with flash games at 6:30 p.m. and bingo starting at 7:00 p.m.



#### Petawawa Legion Branch 517

Anyone wishing to join the Legion should visit Legion Branch 517 at 3583 Petawawa Boulevard and talk with any member. Application forms are available at the office upstairs or at the bar downstairs. If you have any questions, please call 613-687-2504.



#### Knights of Columbus – Father T. Holly Council

The Knights of Columbus meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to June. For further information on the Petawawa Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight, Len McGean at 613-687-6439 or visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).



#### Rotary Club of Petawawa

The Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. at Danny's Restaurant in Petawawa, except the third Tuesday of each month when they meet at 12:00 noon. For further information regarding the group please visit their website at [www.clubrunner.ca/petawawa](http://www.clubrunner.ca/petawawa).



# VOTE!

## Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School Majesta Trees of Knowledge Finalist

**Vote until April 26 at [www.majesta.com](http://www.majesta.com)!**

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School in Petawawa is a top 10 finalist in the National Majesta Trees of Knowledge competition. This annual competition in partnership with Tree Canada and Focus on Forests helps teachers and students experience the benefits of being outdoors.

The winning school will be awarded funds to complete a customized outdoor classroom all facilitated by the students,

community partners and donations. Additional prizes will be awarded for the 2nd – 4th ranked schools as well as the school that shows exceptional creativity in rallying community support.

To win the contest, the school must garner the most votes. The voting period is from March 18th to April 26th and our motto is "Vote Once Everyday for Our Lady of Sorrows". Visit [www.majesta.com](http://www.majesta.com) to cast your vote!

## UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY OPP DETACHMENT



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2013 will bring numerous positive changes to the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment including the amalgamation of the Pembroke Police Service. The Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment in Petawawa will continue to be the host detachment with the new Pembroke office, located on Lake Street in the City of Pembroke, being a satellite detachment. The Ontario Provincial Police has significant experience in amalgamations and has a team in place to ensure a seamless transition process. Members of the public should see no change in service during this process.

As Detachment Commander, it has been a privi-

lege working cooperatively with Petawawa Council, Police Services Board members and community stakeholders, ensuring cost effective, high quality policing expected of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment and the Ontario Provincial Police. I can assure you that the members of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment are well positioned to meet the policing needs of the community in 2013 and going forth.

**Jeffrey G. Smith,  
Acting Inspector  
Detachment  
Commander  
Upper Ottawa  
Valley Detachment  
Ontario Provincial  
Police**

2012 was another busy year in the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment area. The Town of Petawawa has entered into its second five year contract with the Ontario Provincial Police to provide police services through 2014.

Members of the detachment have focused on the business plan goals to reduce fatalities on our roadways and highways, and the reduction of property crime as well as a focus on increasing crime prevention initiatives that would decrease the victimization in our community.

We have seen success with our bike patrol, crime abatement program and an introduction of community mobilization. We continue to offer victims of crime, target hardening strategies to safeguard their homes or small businesses against op-

## GETTING MARRIED?

**Marriage licences available at the Town Office**



Simply pick up an application from the Town Office or print a copy from our municipal website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca) (CAO/Clerk's page). Bring the completed application form along with two pieces of original identification (as identified on our website) for each applicant to the Town Office.

At least one of the applicants must be present to submit the application and pick up the completed licence. If either applicant has been divorced please bring the original certificate of divorce.

A marriage licence is valid for a period of three months and is valid for use anywhere in Ontario. The cost of the licence is \$100. For inquiries please call 613-687-5536 ext. 2003.

To book a wedding or photos at Centennial Park, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 613-687-5678 ext. 2101.





# I Love Petawawa Campaign



I Love Petawawa

Tell us in words and in image(s) why you love Petawawa! What makes Petawawa a great place to Live, Work and Play and just how truly Dynamic by Nature are we?

From April 19th to July 19th 2013 we are inviting residents and visitors alike to show us what they love best about Petawawa. We encourage you to post pictures representing what you love about Petawawa to the Town's Instagram account with the hashtag #ilovepetawawa (all one word). Participants who do not have Instagram capabilities can send their photos via email to [ilove@petawawa.ca](mailto:ilove@petawawa.ca). Photos will be posted and available for viewing on the Town of Petawawa's website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca) during the course of the campaign.

We are looking for images that

clearly show what you love best about Petawawa. Take a photo (or have someone take a photo) of you doing yoga at the Petawawa Point during sunset, or your child walking along the trails in the Petawawa Terrace. Do you love the fact that you can kayak the Petawawa River or that we celebrate the Petawawa River during a festival titled Hell or High Water? Show us!

During the course of the campaign, we will randomly post selected pictures to the Town of Petawawa Facebook page as well as randomly draw one participant each week and offer them a prize from a local business. Prizes include tickets to Town Events, ice time at the Civic Centre, kayak/SUP rentals, merchandise and certificates from businesses etc.

Please note that sending the image in whatever manner to the Town of Petawawa or in the context of this campaign and using the

hashtag #ilovepetawawa constitutes consent for the Town to use the image in various social forums and in future advertisements.

For more information, please contact Christine Mitchell at:

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613-687-5536 ext. 2017



## Ottawa Valley Leukemia & Lymphoma FUNdRUN

June 22, 2013 – Petawawa Civic Centre

Visit [www.ottawavalleyfundrun.com](http://www.ottawavalleyfundrun.com) for more information and to register for the fundraising event.

There will be a 2k, 5k, and 15k walk or run, plus a 21.1k run. After the race be sure to attend Petawawa's Endless Summer Ribfest, admission wristbands are only \$5.00 (children 6 and under are free).



## COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE SPRING BIKE RODEO

Come participate in the Community Policing Committee's annual bike rodeo.

Its purpose is to get kids acquainted with basic bike safety and some starter riding tips.

**Saturday, May 4th, 2013**  
**from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**at the Petawawa Civic Centre**

For children ages 6-11

Part of our Community for 25 years.

### I LOVE PETAWAWA CAMPAIGN

**Enter for your chance to win 4 tickets to Troyes Cinema!**

Visit the Town of Petawawa booth at the SHOWCASE event being held at the Petawawa Civic Centre, April 19th through April 21st, and fill in a ballot with your contact information plus two to three reasons "why you love Petawawa".

The winner will be chosen by the Economic Development Department on April 30th and the winning submission will be posted on the Town's Facebook page. Thank you to Troyes Cinema for donating the prize.



## Win 4 Tickets

**The Shrine Circus Celebrates 250 Years of Zerbini Family Circus History Under Canada's Largest and Most Beautiful Big Top**

**AUGUST 9-11, 2013**  
**RA CENTRE, 2451 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

Enter our online contest to win four tickets to the Shrine Circus by visiting the Town website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca) and follow the link "Win Circus Tickets" to fill out your online ballot with your contact information. Contest begins April 12th and closes on April 30th. The winner will be chosen by random draw and announced on the Town's Facebook page. Thank you to Bob Hogaboam for donating the tickets.

## TOWN EVENTS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

<b>APRIL 19-21</b> Spring SHOWCASE <small>Largest Family Event in the Valley!</small> <b>SHOWCASE</b> <small>Home, Leisure &amp; Consumer Show</small>	<b>MAY 10</b> Reel Paddling Film Festival <small>WORLD TOUR 2013</small> <b>REEL PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL</b>	<b>MAY 10-12</b> Hell or High Water <small>WWW.HELLORHIGHWATER.COM</small>	<b>JUNE 13-16</b> Civic Centre Days <b>PETAWAWA CIVIC CENTRE DAYS</b>	<b>JUNE 21-23</b> Endless Summer Ribfest <b>ENDLESS SUMMER RIBFEST</b>	<b>JULY 1</b> Canada Day <b>HAPPY CANADA DAY</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 6-8</b> Fall SHOWCASE <b>Fall SHOWCASE</b> <small>Home, Leisure &amp; Consumer Show</small>	<b>NOVEMBER 17</b> Pembroke Petawawa Lions Santa Claus Parade <b>PEMBROKE PETAWAWA LIONS CLUB</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 30</b> Festival of Trees and Snowflake Gala <b>CPA ACTION NETWORK</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1</b> Christmas Craft Fair 	<b>DECEMBER 31</b> New Years Eve Celebrations 	<p><b>Clip and Save These Dates</b></p>

## TOWN OF PETAWAWA TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS

The Town of Petawawa will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2015. It's never too early to start planning for such a momentous occasion. Council has already adopted the terms of reference for the celebration and will be forming a committee to start the planning process.

As part of the 150th Anniversary the committee will be tasked to include a legacy project intended to provide the community an asset that highlights the Town of Petawawa's rich history and sense of accomplishment while at the same time providing an opportunity for the Town and its residents to move towards their long term strategic vision and goals.

Petawawa's strategic vision includes being known as the municipality of choice in Renfrew County by providing residents a safe, vibrant and comfortable setting to live, work and play.

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS**





**PETAWAWA**  
DYNAMIC BY NATURE

# Petawawa Parks and Recreation YOUR GUIDE TO OUTSIDE



By Kelly Williams,  
Manager of Parks and  
Recreation

It is no secret that communities across our region, and across Canada for that matter, are concerned about declining health statistics and their impact on our future. Technology has created an inactive society that does not benefit enough from the positive health attributes associated with regular physical activity. As a result, this factor has become a driving force behind strategy

and policy development across many levels of government.

In Petawawa, our current parks and recreation vision and mission statement includes building a healthy and active community. Encouraging our residents to be more active and to enjoy the outdoors on a regular basis will continue to be our focus over the next few years. As a result, staff has been diligently working on strategies and programs intended to bring awareness to the importance of physical activity in daily lifestyles, as well as developing opportunities for residents to get more active and enjoy what Petawawa has

to offer.

Petawawa is blessed with an abundance of natural, outdoor recreational amenities. From famous paddling routes to its many trails, Petawawa offers all sorts of ways that residents and visitors can enjoy our beautiful landscape and gain the benefit of physical activity at the same time. You just have to get out there and do it!

Not sure where to start? Well, Petawawa Parks and Recreation has developed Petawawa's GUIDE TO OUTSIDE. This information guide is filled with outdoor recreation activities, their locations, available resources and descriptions that will allow you to get started. Experience the great outdoors. Learn a new sport or activity. Meet new people and participate in community events. Don't be shy....get a copy of the GUIDE TO OUTSIDE and enjoy the benefits of participation.

Intimidated about getting started on your own? Give Petawawa Parks and Recreation a call. The Petawawa Trails Committee and the Petawawa Paddle Club are two new programs getting off the ground this year. Both are looking for members and volunteers to assist in getting their programs started.

To access the GUIDE TO OUTSIDE visit [www.guideto-outside.ca](http://www.guideto-outside.ca). For more information on the Petawawa Trails Committee or the Petawawa Paddle Club, please call Colin Coyle at 613-687-5678 ext. 2102. To find out more on how you can be more physically active in Petawawa, go to [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca) or call Petawawa Parks and Recreation at 613-687-5678.



## Pembroke & Area Airport Celebrating 45 Years

The Pembroke and Area Airport is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year and one event has already taken place. In early March, the airport hosted a Women of Aviation event, one of only 12 in Ontario. The event invited the public to hear from women involved with search and rescue, flight training, promoting women in aviation and local women pilots. The air cadets were also in attendance, who had more girls enter their program this year than boys. The airport also plans a Canadian

Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) Flight for Kids, which offers free flights for kids, courtesy of local pilots, and a community event to take place in June.

"45 years is quite an accomplishment for this airport," says Allan Wren, Chair of the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission which governs the airport operations. "We have endured a lot of ups and downs in the aviation industry, but we have survived and thrived. 2012 was one of our best years on record. We want the public to share in the good news

message of this facility."

The Pembroke and Area Airport is truly a community building engine in Renfrew County. The airport hosts Medevac flights which make it possible for our residents to access emergency health services, it is where the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources based their operations in fighting forest fires in our community last summer, and it is a key training and transportation facility that supports CFB Petawawa. The airport also supports businesses here that rely on being able to access our region to sup-

port the economy. To put a number on that impact, the airport supports 5,000 aircraft movements a year – something that significantly impacts our region.

Looking into the future, the airport is working hard on several fronts, including working towards having a flight service from Pembroke to Toronto, and obtaining federal funding to resurface the 40+ year old runway. The airport welcomes comments and suggestions from the public at any time. The public can communicate with the airport at [www.flycyta.ca](http://www.flycyta.ca).

## Renfrew County Senior Games hosted by City of Pembroke

Open to All Adults 55 Years And  
Over - June 3-15, 2013

Submitted by Mieke Mahood

This year will be very exciting as we provide friendly competition throughout a two week period in June 2013 (Senior Month). This format will allow participation in as many games as there are days. Have you ever wanted to walk, cycle, as well as play card games and darts? Well here is your opportunity. Do you enjoy 5 pin bowling? How about trying lawn bowling and/or carpet bowling? Keep the balls rolling! Each event on its own will afford you an enjoyable day out in the Valley.

The celebration continues on Saturday, June 15th, 2013. Join us for a Health & Wellness Fair, Fun Games, Entertainment and a Banquet at the Pembroke Memorial Centre.

Be sure to visit us at the Home Shows in Petawawa & Renfrew to have committee members answer your questions and/or to pick up a registration form.

For more information including a listing of all events and a downloadable registration form, please check the website: [www.renfrewcountyseniorgames.ca](http://www.renfrewcountyseniorgames.ca) or call the Pembroke Memorial Centre at 613-735-6821 Ext. 1501.



## Petawawa Endless Summer Ribfest

Your mouth is probably still watering after last year's event. Well guess what? We're doing it again!

New Dates This Year June 21st – 23rd! Join us at the Petawawa Civic Centre for three days of RIBS, MUSIC, MUD and a great old time! This year we have over a dozen bands, four NEW professional rib teams, children's Kids Zone with Inflatables and more.

Should we stop there? NO, there's still more fun to be had with skateboard demos, arts program, slow-pitch tournament and oh yeah, our very own Festival of Mud! Teams of four compete in games like volleyball, jousting, tug of war and more, all in the mud. This year we're adding in a kiddy mud pit just for the little ones.

The planning is already taking place including Tribute Bands like Elevation (U2 tribute) and Hot Rocks (Rolling Stones tribute) and Sunday is all day Unplugged Acoustic music. Need to find out more? You can check out information at: [www.endlesssummerribfest.ca](http://www.endlesssummerribfest.ca) or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 613-687-5678 ext. 2102.

**"Don't forget your wet wipes cuz  
yur gonna need'em!"**





## MANDATORY BUSINESS REGISTRY FOR ALL BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN OF PETAWAWA

**WHO:** All Businesses – new & old,  
commercial & home-based

**WHAT:** Business Registration Application

**WHERE:** Online at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca)  
or pick up a paper copy at

1111 Victoria Street, Petawawa, ON

**WHEN:** ASAP!!!

**WHY:** To ensure business owners receive pertinent information, and to ensure Town staff have a comprehensive database of all businesses within the Town of Petawawa.

*For more information call the  
Economic Development Department  
at 613-687-5536 ext. 2017.*

# Town of Petawawa Tourism Strategy

Submitted by Christine Mitchell,  
Economic Development Assistant

Tourism remains one of the most important sectors to the economy in Petawawa. But the question is: are we doing the best job that we can do to help promote Tourism in our town?

The Petawawa Town Council adopted a Tourism Report in September of 2012 that outlines a series of strategies that the Tourism Destination Development Committee and various Task Teams are currently working towards. These strategies include: the feasibility of a stand-alone Visitor's Information Centre within the Town, leveraging the tourism potential of CFB Petawawa, our historical/cultural and artisans sector, defining the roles and responsibilities relative to each stakeholder, and exploring and leveraging a Sports Tourism strategy.

While this list may not be exhaustive, it really is the building blocks on which we will continue to grow.

Our next steps include taking an asset inventory, identifying gaps and opportuni-

ties, underdeveloped and underperforming assets within the tourism offering. We will leverage those quick win elements and create an action plan to develop the rest.

The work is ongoing and more industry stakeholders are needed to make the product a success.

We are seeking businesses to get involved and participate in various workshops and training sessions that we will be offering with the OVTA and OHTO throughout the 2013 season.

We also need interested participants to assist with the task teams and the industry collaborative.

Let your voice be heard! The more sector engagement the better the result.

If you wish to participate in any manner, have comments or questions on the process, if you have a product or service in development or just an interest in the process, please feel free to contact us at the Economic Development Offices.

Be involved! 613-687-5536 x 2017.



## Importance of Building Permit Applications & Approvals

A Building Permit is your formal permission from the Town to begin any construction, addition, demolition or renovation on your property.

In order to ensure that your plans comply with the Ontario Building Code, our local Zoning By-law, and other applicable regulations, Town staff must review your plans, prior to the commencement of work.

### BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Building Permits are intended to regulate various types of building construction that are allowed in the community and to ensure that they meet all building standards. The building permit process protects both the owner's interests and those of the community at large. It also helps to ensure that any structural changes are

safe. Failure to obtain proper Building Permits can result in costly construction delays, legal action and/or the removal of work already completed. In many cases, your designer or contractor will get permits on your behalf. **\*\*Please remember that, as the building owner, you are ultimately responsible for complying with all building requirements.\*\***

### WHEN BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED:

- Structural alterations
- Demolishing or removing all or a portion of a building
- Constructing a new building
- Addition to an existing building
- Changing a building's use
- Building a garage, deck or balcony
- Making new openings for, or changing the size of, doors and windows
- Installing, changing or removing partitions and load bearing walls
- Renovating or repairing a building
- Installing or modifying the heating, plumbing or air-conditioning systems
- Installing a wood burning stove/fireplace
- Excavating a basement or constructing a foundation
- Installing or reconstructing chimneys or fireplaces
- Constructing accessory structures larger than 108 sq. ft. in area
- A basement entrance
- New or altered plumbing
- Constructing a Second Suite
- Constructing a deck more than 24" above ground
- Roofing when structural work is involved
- Installing a Sign

- Installing Swimming Pools

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

**It is the Permit Holders responsibility to notify the Building Department for Building Permit Inspections.**  
**TOWN BY-LAWS**

- Portable Garage By-law 456/07 Section 3.3.9:  
\*Portable Garages Shall Be PROHIBITED in ALL Zones\*
- Swimming Pool By-law 378/06: \*Permit Required\*
- Fence By-law 378/06:  
\*Permit Not Required, but By-law Regulation Must be Complied With\*
- NEW – Sign By-law 794/12  
\*Permit Required\*

For further information, please



refer to the Town of Petawawa website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca).

We would like to thank the Town Residents for their cooperation in adhering to these

regulations as it makes a safer Community for all to reside in.

*Thank you*  
**Randy Mohns, C.B.O.**  
**Levi Junop, Inspector**

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

*Here We Grow Again*

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

**Subway**  
**GoGo China**  
**Kreationz Hair Salon**  
**Video Maxx**  
**Wendy's Restaurant**  
**The Baby Bin**  
**PMFRC Employment Service**  
**Pet Valu**

**Scrap Therapy Papercrafts**  
**Santa Fe Express**  
**Coldwell Banker Coburn Realty, Brokerage**  
**Kelsey's – 10th Anniversary**  
**Country Cupboard – 16th Anniversary**

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.

## By-Law Enforcement REMINDERS



*Dave Newton, Animal  
Control/By-law Enforcement Officer*

### PARKING

No person shall park a vehicle within the municipality:

- within 10 metres of an intersection;
- on or over any sidewalk, path or trail;

- within 3 metres of a fire hydrant;
  - in any signed, reserved parking area or any no parking or no stopping zone.
- The parking lot at the boat launch at the Petawawa Point is reserved exclusively for vehicles towing boat trailers or vehicles belonging to Island residents. All others will be ticketed and fined.

### WATER USE

Regulations for water use are year round.

### Lawn watering:

- Even numbered addresses on even numbered days.
- Odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days.
- 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on your assigned day.

- New sod/grass seed – 14 days daily watering – contact Town Hall for authorization.

### POOLS

- You cannot fill any swimming pool from a residential faucet. For a list of businesses that fill pools, and to request a copy of By-law 293/04, contact the Town office at 613-687-5536.

### FIRES

Open air fires are only authorized by permit. Open Air Burning and Recreational Burning Permit applications can be obtained at the Town of Petawawa Municipal Office located at 1111 Victoria Street or on the municipal website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca) under Protective Services.





# News from the Petawawa Public Library

**PETAWAWA**  
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Submitted by Kelly Thompson, Manager of Children's and Young Adult Services, Petawawa Public Library

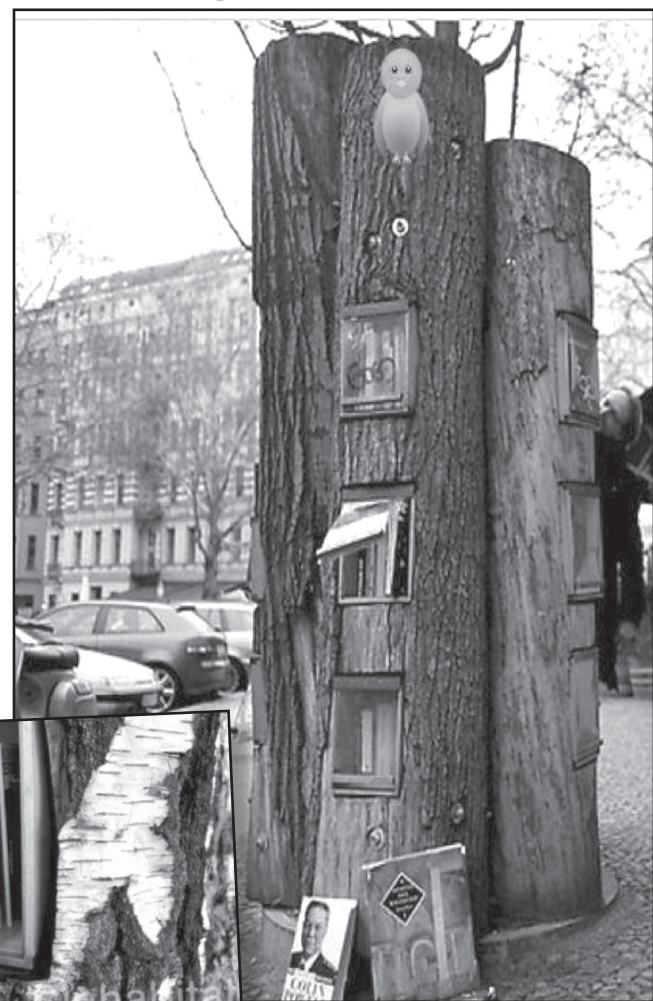
The Petawawa Public Library, located in the same complex as the Recreation Office, is a vibrant hub of your community. With museum passes for local and

Ottawa museums, free Wi-Fi, and new releases of everything from books to movies, there is something for every member of the family. Soon members will also be able to borrow iPads, e-readers and GPS units. These will complement our binoculars and snowshoes already in circulation.

Programs for both adults and children are generally FREE and no membership is required! Licensed trivia nights, movie evenings, cooking classes, storytimes, craft days, the Storytime Trail... and so much more! Call the library at 613-687-2227 OR find us on the web at: [www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca](http://www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca).

This spring brings with it a new and exciting addition to the Library/Recreation complex...The Book Tree! This installation is the result of many county-wide partnerships. The Book Tree uses local resources, people and skills. The book exchange that will occur as a result of this unique project will encourage families to read and share beloved titles with others.

Books can be exchanged, read and swapped again. The Book Tree will become another gathering spot for the community of Petawawa. The Petawawa Public Library is PROUD to be a part of this project! More information on how to become involved with the Book Tree Project is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/TheBookTreeRC?fref=ts>.



## The Stage Door - News from Festival Hall



Submitted by Rick Wharton, Director of Festival Hall

Festival Hall was the "best kept secret" in Renfrew County for many years and I was thrilled to be appointed as Director some nine months ago. During that time, our team has been working tirelessly both behind the scenes and on centre stage to revitalize this important gem. We are re-branding "Festival Hall Centre for the Arts" the largest theatre venue of its kind in the Ottawa Valley. The 620 seat theatre is home once again to user groups such as the Kiwanis Music Festival, Streetlight Theatre, Pembroke Symphony Orchestra, U Turn, dance groups, and more.

The last half of 2012 was a busy season for in-house productions, featuring a comedy variety show, Sing a Long Grease, Interactive Rocky Horror Picture Show, Lunch at Allen's (Murray McLaughlin, Ian Thomas, Marc Jordan, Cindy Church) and a very special Remembrance Day salute to our troops with John McDermott. Festival Hall also featured an amazing run of Little Mermaid from Streetlight Theatre and the Pembroke Symphony's wonderful performance of the Nutcracker. A sell out benefit for "Sab" featured such celebrated musicians as Jason Blaine, The Cooper Brothers, Downchild Blues Band, Darwin Demers and local musical legends. All of these eclectic shows have brought many to the venue with varied tastes and interests, some for the very first time.

2013 is proving to be a busy year. We started off with a sold out performance of Vinyl Cafe with Stuart McLean and Kathleen Edwards. Upcoming shows Randy

Bachman and Vinyl Tap (sold out) and the popular stand-up comedian Gerry Dee (of the Mr. D show on CBC) are a great addition to our lineup. Starz In Motion, Atyeo and Michelle's Dance performances return. In the spirit of bringing different experiences in the arts to the people of Renfrew County, we will feature a one woman play "The Trudeau Stories", a Documentary Film Festival, a Hockey Festival, and are working on the re-introduction of Sunday afternoon themed movie matinees sometime this year, some of which will be in partnership with an initiative we are creating with the Toronto International Film Festival. There are many other performances and events we are working on.

This theatre is your community theatre. We thank you for your patronage and acknowledge the Consortium (Town of Petawawa, City of Pembroke and Township of Laurentian Valley) in their support of the arts. Part of your ticket fee also goes to an Arts Improvement Fund which allows us to fund the box office operations and work on new capital improvements including our plan to initiate an online ticketing system, upgrade our lobby, signage and facade, sound, lighting and equipment improvements, and provide a more accessible venue for our patrons with special mobility needs. To that end, we are busy writing grants and will be making available a patronage and sponsorship program for those interested in supporting the arts in the community.

For more information, visit [www.festivalhall.ca](http://www.festivalhall.ca). Hope to have you come by and see a show!

## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE LAUNCHES SURVEY!

Submitted by Theresa Sabourin, PAAC member

The Town of Petawawa's Accessibility Advisory Committee (PAAC) wants to hear from all residents within the Town who have a disability or who care for someone with a disability. WHY? Because it's time to check in with you to see how we are doing in regards to our Customer Service Standard policy and progressing towards an accessible Petawawa by 2025.

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), under authority of the Provincial government, is moving forward in many areas to ensure an accessible Ontario. This includes the development of standards in the following areas: Customer Service, Transportation, Information and Communications, Built Environment, and Employment. The PAAC, made up of members who represent people with disabilities from the Petawawa community, provides advice to Council in regards to achieving a more accessible Petawawa within the requirements of these standards as they become LAW.

Did you know that about 1.85 million people in Ontario have a disability - that is 1 in 7 Ontarians! And it is estimated that by 2031 over 6 million Ontarians will be living with a disability. Disabilities are both visible and invisible and could impact a person's hearing, sight, mobility, understanding and processing information, emotions and mental health.

ALL residents deserve to be treated with respect, equality and dignity, and through the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Petawawa wants to be a leader in this area and reduce or eliminate barriers for persons with disabilities.

The SURVEY will be conducted from 19 April to 31 May 2013 and is available online at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca). A paper copy can also be picked up at the Municipal Office and the Petawawa Public Library OR you can contact the Municipal Office at 613-687-5536 and request a copy be mailed to you.

Your opinion matters and will help shape the goals of the PAAC over the next few years as we determine priorities and meet your NEEDS.





# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS



**Sandy Kreutz, Secretary – Parks and Recreation Department**

Sandy Kreutz joined the Town of Petawawa on October 24, 2011. Sandy brings 20+ years of experience and a wealth of knowledge and skills in the service industry to the Parks and Recreation Department in her role as Secretary for the department. Sandy believes her problem solving abilities will allow her to meet the growing challenges that the department is embarking on while introducing new recreational opportunities to the Town's residents.

Sandy is educated in Hospitality Management and Office Administration Executive with honours, graduating from the Pembroke campus of Algonquin College. She is a member of the Ottawa chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP).

Sandy was born and raised in Pembroke to Harry and Joan Adams; she is married to Randy Kreutz and is the proud mom of their two daughters, Tiffany and Kelly. Sandy is an avid flower garden enthusiast and like most people from the Ottawa Valley, she loves to play a good game of cards.



**Christine Mitchell, Economic Development Assistant**

Christine Mitchell joined the Town of Petawawa as Economic Development Assistant for a leave replacement in late August 2012. Christine was born and raised in the Ottawa Valley, and just recently purchased the family homestead in Cobden, Ontario where she resides with her husband and three children. Her recent work experience includes seven years as the Director of the Chutes Coulonge, where she was responsible not only for the daily operations of the non-profit tourist site, but for the development and financing of major infrastructure in the initial phases of the aerial park and Via Ferrata activities that are currently on the site. Christine was also employed as the Economic Development Officer with the CLD Pontiac, where she was responsible for special projects. Christine has over 28 years of experience in the hospitality and retail sectors, and has worked in both Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and Iqaluit, Nunavut. Christine is very passionate about business development and tourism and enjoys the challenge of each new project.



**Ann Turcotte, Facility Operator**

Ann Turcotte is the Town of Petawawa's newest recruit, joining the municipality on January 22, 2013 as a Facility Operator in the Parks and Recreation Department. A self-proclaimed "Valley Girl", Ann hails from the Village of Cobden, where her parents Frances and Norman Turcotte still reside. She is also the proud mom of her two sons, Michael and Scott.

Ann brings over 20 years of experience in the parks and recreation field, having worked previously with the Village of Cobden, Town of Carleton Place and Beckwith Township. Ann has attained certificates in Recreation Leadership, Refrigeration, Ice Making and Painting Technologies, and Legal Awareness in a Recreation Environment. Not one to shy away from continuing education, Ann is currently studying Canadian Playground Safety and Equipment, with plans to complete her Certified Ice Technician (CIT) Certificate.

"I look forward to sharing my knowledge and experience with my co-workers, while also learning new job skills and techniques. I think we, Council and staff, can all work together to make Petawawa not only a great place to live, but also a must visit, happening Town."



**Colin Coyle, Program Coordinator**

Originally from Montreal, Colin Coyle has worked in the recreation field for 20 years. His recreation profession has allowed him to work in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario. Now calling Renfrew County home for the past 12 years, Colin has worked in the recreation departments of Pembroke and Deep River and he is now proud to be working in the quickly growing and developing Town of Petawawa.

Introducing new events, like the Fusion of Senses and Petawawa's Endless Summer Ribfest, as well as developing new programs such as the Petawawa Trails Committee and the Petawawa Canoe and Kayak Club, Colin believes the sky is the limit for new ideas. Currently, the Petawawa Parks and Recreation department is looking to take a focus on the multitude of outdoor recreation opportunities available here in its own backyard. Colin hopes to offer his own experiences and passion for canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddling (SUP), hiking, camping, cycling, snowshoeing and more which he avidly spends time enjoying with his wife Erin, young daughter Quinn and son Leif.

Recognizing the numerous opportunities to develop indoor and outdoor recreation programs, Colin keeps an open mind and open door to peoples' ideas. Should you have a new recreation program concept or idea, please feel free to call, email or drop by to see Colin with your ideas about recreation here in Petawawa!

## News from the Petawawa Fire Department

### NEW SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM FOR PETAWAWA SENIORS & DISABLED PERSONS

The Town of Petawawa Fire Prevention Bureau is pleased to launch a new life saving fire protection program to better protect our senior citizens and disabled persons residing within the Town of Petawawa. A free smoke alarm inspection and installation program can be conducted upon request by members of the Petawawa Fire Department.

Effective IMMEDIATELY, if you are a senior or a person who is physically challenged residing in the Town of Petawawa and you would like the Petawawa Fire Department to check your smoke alarm free of

charge, please call 613-687-4759 or contact Chief Fire Prevention Officer Clem Paradis by email at cparadis@petawawa.ca. Smoke alarms can be supplied for a minimum cost.

Fires can be deadly. You may have just seconds to safely escape a fire in your home. That's why early detection of fire is absolutely vital. Only working smoke alarms provide those precious seconds you and your family need to safely escape. Every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas – it's the law.

### RECREATIONAL FIRES

Believe it or not, SPRING is approaching and the Town of Petawawa Fire Department

would like to remind residents that a permit is required for all recreational fires. There is a minimal fee for Recreational Burn permits. A recreational fire pit shall not be larger than 61cm x 61cm x 45cm in height (2' x 2' x 18").

A recreational fire pit shall be confined to a location that provides for a minimum distance of 3 metres from structures, objects and adjacent properties.

Recreational fires shall be attended, controlled and supervised at all times and shall be completely extinguished before the fire site is vacated.

For more details about the Recreational Burning By-law #294/04, please visit [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca) or contact the Chief Fire Official.

### BURNING WOOD: WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CLEANED YOUR CHIMNEY?

Most chimney fires can be prevented. Creosote accumulation is the leading cause of chimney fires. A chimney that is dirty, blocked or is in disrepair can inhibit proper venting of smoke up the flue and can also cause a chimney fire. Nearly all residential fires originating in the chimney are preventable.

An annual chimney inspection by a WETT Certified Professional (Wood Energy Technology Transfer Inc.) can prevent fire or carbon monoxide poisoning. The Town of Petawawa Fire Prevention Bureau recommends the following guidelines to protect your home from chimney fires:

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**MoneySense Magazine ranks  
The Town of Petawawa  
among the**

# Top 200

**best places to live in Canada.**

Source: MoneySense  
Magazine, Canada's Best  
Places to Live 2013  
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**Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk**

Dawn Recoskie joined the Town of Petawawa on October 1, 2012 as Deputy Clerk. No stranger to municipal government, Dawn has worked in the industry for over 10 years and has experience working in various municipal departments. She started her career with the City of Pembroke working the front counter as a switchboard operator/receptionist; from there she was promoted to the Building Department as secretary and provided administrative support to the Planning Department as well as the Treasury Department; after an administrative realignment Dawn was promoted to the Clerk's Department where she expanded her knowledge of municipal government legislation through the positions of Administrative Secretary, Administrative Assistant, and then Deputy Clerk. In 2010 Dawn transitioned to the Town of Deep River as Deputy Clerk where she had the unique opportunity to manage the municipal cemetery. In 2012 Dawn received her Diploma in Municipal Administration with honours from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO). Her final research report to receive her diploma was an examination of the employment relationship between members of Council and their CAO, which she was invited to present to her colleagues at the recent AMCTO-Zone 6 fall meeting. Dawn grew up as an OPP brat living in several small Ontario communities and is happy to be settled back in Petawawa – "it's great to be home." Dawn is an advocate for young people interested in municipal government as a career and is always willing to share her knowledge and experience – "I want to encourage our youth to consider a career in municipal government, you don't have to move to the big city to make a difference. In the next few years municipalities are going to see large numbers of retirements in various municipal departments – we are going to need not only administrators, but people to work heavy equipment and machinery in Public Works, and Parks and Recreation; we're going to need engineers, planners, accountants, building inspectors, by-law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics – there are many options to consider when planning a career in municipal government."

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS



**David Unrau,  
Director of Public Works**

The Town of Petawawa welcomes a familiar face as Director of Public Works – David Unrau, who began his new position on October 9, 2012. According to David, "Third time is the charm – I have returned to my roots to stay. I have been here before, first as a Roller Skate maintainer for the popular roller skating Friday and Saturday nights which migrated to a summer job in the Parks and Facility department under the watchful eye of Bob, Larry and Steve, then as the Chief Building Official for the Township (later on the Town), where I received tutelage from my father, George."

"It was very tough filling the shoes of my father, since he was knowledgeable, kind, trustworthy and a fair man who provided aid to many residents and contractors above and beyond the job description. Equally daunting is the task at hand, which is to ensure the Town's infrastructure is preserved and to enhance the quality of life for residents by systematically managing the Town's assets in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner as Dan Patrick and Tom Renaud have done in the past. I am committed to working with Council, Tom and Peter and the rest of the senior staff to serve the Town."

David has gathered much experience along his journey back to Petawawa, from contract and project management skills working for Defence Construction Canada in Petawawa to management of Public Works while working for the City of Pembroke and finally refining his project management, contract management, procurement and human resources skills at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited.

"I am blessed to be joining a dynamic team at the Town and fulfilling an early dream I had to become the Town's Director of Public Works where I will continue my father's tradition of providing generous and fair service to the residents of Petawawa."

## News from the Petawawa Fire Dep't ... continued from page 10

Maintenance – Good maintenance is a very important step in preventing chimney fires!

- Have your chimney checked every year by a WETT certified professional technician.
- Burn only dry wood.
- Install a chimney cap.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- Have your chimney sweep ensure that your chimney has an appropriate liner.

Prevention – Remember prevention is your best defence against fire.

If you have a wood stove, be sure it is installed and inspected by a WETT Certified

Professional technician.

Keep combustible materials well away from the stove and chimney connector. Place an approved stove board under the unit to protect the floor from heat and hot coals which might drop out.

Be Prepared – Know what to do in case of fire. If you suspect a chimney fire, evacuate your home and call 9-1-1.

For more information, contact:

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

• Steve Knott, Fire Chief 613 687-4759 email: sknott@petawawa.ca

## New Chief Fire Prevention Officer

The Town of Petawawa is pleased to announce the appointment of Chief Fire Prevention Officer Clem Paradis effective March 1st 2013 in the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Town of Petawawa Fire Department.

CFPO Paradis brings over 31 years of Emergency Services experience at the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels. He has been with the Town of Petawawa Fire Department since 2005. He is a graduate of the Ontario Fire College in both the Company and Fire Prevention



Officer Programs. He has also received Fire Investigation training at the Ontario Fire College and at the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the State of New York.

## Public Works Department: FOCUS ON ASSET AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Submitted by Tom Renaud, Public Works Supervisor and David Unrau, Director of Public Works

The Town of Petawawa Public Works Department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of approximately 220 km of roads, 70 km of sidewalks and the maintenance of 425 hydrants within the Town boundaries. Other responsibilities include: the installation and repair of all regulatory, warning and civic addressing signs, streetlights, entrance culverts, drywells; recycling container distribution (green bins, yellow bins, and kitchen bins); grass cutting in the spring and summer months; and

of course plowing our roads and sidewalks in the winter months.

The coming years will see more focus on Asset and Energy Management to ensure that taxpayer dollars are used efficiently and effectively to continue our overall mandate which is to secure the infrastructure necessary for development, to maintain this infrastructure in good working order and, if necessary, to carry out upgrades. We must ensure that the solutions are cost effective now and for future generations.

The Public Works Department employs seven full-time employees, two part-time (students) for the summer months, four

contract employees for the winter season (November 1-March 31) as well as five on-call wingmen for snowplowing. We have a full-time mechanic/operator who is responsible for maintenance, repairs and safety inspections of all Public Works, Fire Department, By-law Enforcement, and Parks and Recreation vehicles and equipment.

The Public Works Department encourages all residents to report any concerns or inquiries that they may have.

Contact information: 613-687-5536 (during regular hours, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday). 613-732-3525 (after hours for emergency calls) email@petawawa.ca.





# Managing our Waste – Let's Get This Sorted Out!

Did you know that the Town of Petawawa is the largest of the five Municipal Partners of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC) with just over 38% ownership share in 2012 and with the latest numbers showing the Centre has a value of just over \$15 Million dollars, that's pretty significant!

Petawawa may have some unique challenges not faced by the other Partners: Laurentian Valley, Pembroke, North Algona Wilberforce and Bonnechere Valley. Being part of a military community with families from all over coming in to make it their home, providing education and information on how to separate and set out waste materials is the key to continued diversion of waste. Not many small communities have such a comprehensive system of waste management with their own landfill, recycling processing and organics composting operations all part of the services provided to their residents.

Last year marked the 10 year operational milestone for the Centre. Tom Mohns, Town of Petawawa Deputy Mayor and Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board Vice-Chair is pleased that our Waste Management programs are maturing, adapting and improving all the time.

In 2012, residential garbage waste brought to the OVWRC by the collection contractor for Petawawa, Tomlinson Waste Management, increased just slightly by 1% with 2,343 tonnes of garbage being sent for landfill disposal. In addition 1,369 tonnes of container and fibre materials were set out by residents for recycling. Interesting enough this was actually 17% less than the amount of recyclables set out in 2011.

## HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

**GARBAGE** – 4 bag/container limit per household. Garbage can be placed inside plastic bags or a garbage can. Garbage is collected every two weeks the same day as your yellow bin. Containers cannot exceed 50 lbs (23kg).

**BLUE BOX RECYCLING** – This includes

newsprint, cardboard, boxboard, junk mail, soft cover books, catalogues, magazines, office paper. Paper recycling must be bundled or placed loose in a blue box, cardboard box or other reusable open top container. Shredded paper is acceptable for collection in clear plastic bags.

**YELLOW BINS** – Plastics, glass, metal and Styrofoam can be placed loose inside your yellow bin. Rinse containers and remove all lids. Extra recycling can be placed inside an open top reusable container beside your yellow bin. Remember to return all liquor and wine bottles and any other empty packaging purchased at the LCBO or Beer Store back to the Beer Store and collect your deposit refund. **GREEN CART ORGANICS** – to absorb moisture, reduce odours and help keep material from freezing to the cart, place crumpled newspaper at the bottom of your cart or layer dry leaf and yard waste over wet food waste. No plastic or biodegradable plastic bags please.

## IT CAN BE CONFUSING!

Residents are clearly confused at times as to what is recyclable, especially when it comes to plastics. The Mobius loop with the (SPI) number code in the middle cannot be trusted

## GARBAGE



as a guide as to what you can include in our program any longer. When it comes to plastic containers, residents are reminded that plastic bottles, jugs, tubs and lids, such as the ones used for household cleaning products, laundry detergent and shampoo bottles are accepted. When it comes to plastic bags (film plastic), only include bread, produce, outside milk bags, blue newspaper bags and grocery/retail bags all stuffed into one bag. No saran wrap, shrink wrap or any other type of plastic bag is acceptable. Milk and juice cardboard cartons, clam shell packaging, steel and aluminum cans and Styrofoam plates, cups, meat trays, egg cartons and rigid packaging are all acceptable.

Problem materials such as plastic flower pots and trays, candy wrappers, chip bags, garden hoses, glass dishes, toys, food packaging (deli and meat wrappers) belong in the garbage.

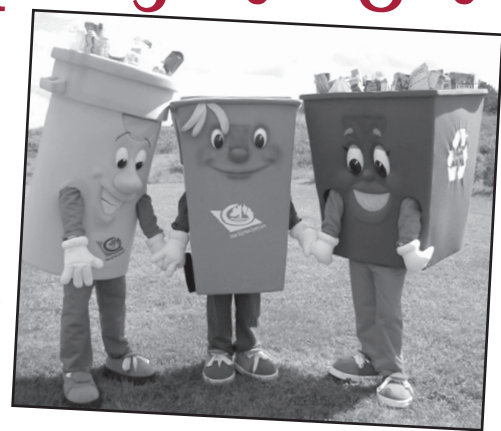
## DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN SET OUT FOR THE SPRING AND FALL BULKY COLLECTIONS?

The spring and fall bulky collections last year saw a significant decrease in the quantities of scrap metal and white goods collected with a 60% drop; down from 83 tonnes in 2011 to 33 tonnes in 2012. These special collections allow residents to set out appliances, mattresses/box springs, carpets, furniture and scrap metal items for curbside collection. Often time's residents set out materials long before the designated collection week resulting in unsightly neighbourhoods and potential safety issues. These collections are not for renovation materials such as bathtubs, toilets, cupboards, doors, drywall etc. or other items such as propane tanks, hazardous waste, electronic waste and tires.

## WHAT ABOUT ORGANIC WASTE?

As you would expect with such a dry summer last year the quantity of organic waste collected dropped in 2012, down 2.9%, from 2,067 tonnes in 2011 to 2,008 tonnes in 2012.

The number one question the Centre re-



ceives from residents is , why can't we use plastic bags or those bags that say they are compostable or biodegradable plastic. The problem is that while many of those bags claim to decompose and probably do in most cases, the technology used at the Centre requires incoming materials to be mixed with amendments such as wood chips and during this process any bagged materials will get caught up in the mixing augers and have to be removed by Maintenance staff. This results in increased costs for everyone and those bags and their contents then just end up in the landfill. That's pretty sad considering the efforts residents made to separate out the kitchen waste from their regular garbage in the first place.

## ENVIRONMENT DAYS COMING SOON!

Remember to check your collection calendars and mark May 25th as the day to take Household Hazardous Waste Items, Electronics, and Tires to the Petawawa Civic Centre for proper disposal or recycling.

Living in a community like Petawawa that has a complete Waste Management Facility including a landfill with more than 30 years of landfill capacity remaining is good news for our families. Let's continue to work together to "Walk Lightly on the Environment".

# PETAWAWA Centennial Family Health Centre

Submitted by Paul Hoban,  
Executive Director, PCFHC

The year 2012 was another outstanding one for the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre (PCFHC). My main goal for 2012-2013, under the direction of the Board, was to increase patient access to the PCFHC. As part of our ongoing commitment to quality improvement, the PCFHC implemented Advanced Access, a clinical appointment booking system that helps the PCFHC better understand the needs of its patients. We distribute available appointments throughout each provider's daily schedule based on supply and demand. Advanced Access allows our patients to see their health care provider without delay as every effort is made

to provide appointments within 24 hours of the initial request. The utilization of Advanced Access has resulted in improved patient access to care, office efficiency and patient flow, as well as an increase in patient satisfaction.

And, in response to patient requests, starting April 1, 2013, the PCFHC will extend its operating hours on Monday evenings to 8pm, and as of September 1, 2013 we will open on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. These extended operating hours will further enhance our patient access to Primary Health Care.

2012 also saw the signing of 3 new Doctors, that have rostered almost 2000 new patients to date. A Walk in Clinic has been opened on Monday and Thursday evenings

from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. This will see up to 2400 patients by year end. All in all, tremendous accomplishments for the PCFHC. For general interest, the PCFHC continues to offer a number of programs and services for both patients of the Family Health Centre and the general public:

- Well Baby Program – New babies are offered a non rostered spot with one of our Nurse Practitioners.
- Breast Feeding Education Program – For new mothers we offer a breast feeding educational program on the benefits of breast feeding. This program is for patients of PCFHC and the general public (Thursdays 10am – 12 noon).
- High School Outreach Program – Our Nurse Practitioners provide Primary Health Care to students of General Panet High School every Wednesday during the school year.
- Smoking Cessation Program – We offer

our patients a "quit smoking" program. Medication for this program is offered (free of charge) to Smoking Cessation Program participants.

- Walk in Clinic – On Monday and Thursday evenings, a Walk in Clinic to Non – Rostered patients of PCFHC.
- Well Women's Clinic – To the general public, a Well Women's Clinic on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Friday of each month.
- Seniors Day Program – In partnership with Marianhill.

These are just some of the programs offered at the PCFHC.

This year's successes are a result of a team effort. As usual the board of directors, staff, volunteers and students worked tirelessly to ensure that our patients received the best care possible, and will continue to move forward with the goal of providing a HEALTHIER COMMUNITY for the residents of Petawawa.