



Confirmation of Project Support with Renfrew County Catholic District School Board

January 29th, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

As Founder and Director of the Re-Nature Foundation, I confirm our full organizational support for the Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) grant application in partnership with the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board. Please consider this letter a formal confirmation of our commitment and readiness to cooperate in this initiative.

The GCCC program resonates with Re-Nature's mission to create inclusive, climate-resilient community spaces that provide children with direct, daily access to nature. This project supports tree planting, encourages environmental stewardship and provides children with more opportunities to spend productive learning time outside.

The proposed planting site will include a minimum of 50 trees, along with natural log features to support programming, environmental literacy, and connection. The regenerative forest system will grow into permanent infrastructure and become a beloved part of the community—restoring biodiversity in an urban/industrial area, improving soil and air quality, and contributing to stormwater management & heat island effect mitigation.

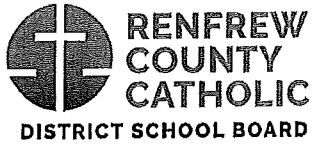
Re-Nature's delivery model includes mentorship and training for teachers, program staff, and facilities personnel to ensure long-term care and essential time spent in the micro-forest and outdoor space. We will also provide resources and continued professional learning that equip communities to integrate nature into their programming and stewardship practices.

Re-Nature Foundation looks forward to delivering this work in close cooperation with Renfrew County Catholic District School Board. We are prepared to meet the environmental, program, and community-building goals of the GCCC program in this undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam B". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Adam Bienenstock
Founder & Business Director at Re-Nature Foundation



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February 2, 2026

Mayor David Mayville & Council
Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards
1 John Street, P.O. Box 39
Killaloe, Ontario K0J 2A0

Dear Mayor Mayville,

On behalf of the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (RCCDSB), I am writing to express support for our upcoming program, **"Growing RCCDSB Schoolyard Canopies with Re-Nature"** in partnership with Renature Foundation.

We are currently endorsing a Re-Nature application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative. This funding is vital to our goal of planting trees and constructing natural outdoor learning spaces across our school properties in Renfrew County.

This initiative is designed to create unique and inspiring environments for our students. By transforming our schoolyards, we aim to:

- Provide valuable outdoor learning opportunities and improved conditions for school communities.
- Significantly enhance the green space and tree canopy within our wider communities.
- Ensure that our school properties become a regenerative part of the natural landscape.

We are an Inclusive Catholic learning community called to love unconditionally and educate hearts and minds in the way of Christ.

As the landowners, the RCCDSB has fully affirmed our commitment to planting these trees and maintaining the forest as it grows. However, the success of our application to the FCM relies heavily on demonstrating strong community backing including a Resolution of Support from the Municipal Council, required to unlock the federal funding for the tree planting program.

We would be honoured to include this Resolution of Support from the Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards in our application package. Your endorsement would signal to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that this project aligns with the values and environmental goals of the broader Renfrew County community.

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If you have any questions regarding the specific sites or the Re-Nature partnership, please do not hesitate to contact our Project Lead, Jillian Rizzuto at 613-735-1031, ext. 340 or at jillian.rizzuto@rccdsb.ca.

Thank you for your time and for your continued partnership in supporting our students and our environment.

Sincerely,



Mark Searson
Director of Education

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February 2, 2026

From: Donna Campbell
Secretary/treasurer
Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee
1538 Queensline Rd.
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To: Clerk Treasurers of Municipalities Represented
By the Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Annual Meeting of the Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee was held in September of 2025

Enclosed is a copy of the last financial report which was reviewed by Dr. Laurle Jeffery as well as the minutes of the last annual meeting.

The executive of the Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee approved the recommendation of the following veterinarians to receive contracts for the 2024 and 2025 with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines:

Dr. Laurle Jeffery, Madawaska Veterinary Clinic - 613-432-9187

Dr. Donald Clarke, Renfrew Animal Hospital - 613-432-8884

Dr. Evangaline Wiens, Renfrew Animal Hospital - 613-432-8884

The Committee is asking that we be able to hold open for one year the other contract in hope of filling it with another large animal vet.

The schedule of fees for each Municipality is as follows:

	<u>Livestock Numbers</u>	<u>Township Fees</u>
Admaston/Bromley	12,025	\$ 500.00
Laurentian Valley	5,008	\$ 280.00
Bonnechere Valley	3,818	\$ 280.00
Greater Madawaska	313	\$ 280.00
Horton	1,989	\$ 280.00

McNab/Braeside	3,333	\$ 280.00
NorthAlgona/Wilberforce	3,084	\$ 280.00
Laurentian Hills	48	\$ 280.00
Whitewater Region	15,758	\$ 500.00
Brudenell, Lyndock & Raglan	1,122	\$ 280.00
Addington Highlands	285	\$ 280.00
Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	1,354	\$ 280.00
Madawaska Valley	<u>564</u>	<u>\$ 280.00</u>
Total	48,901	\$4080.00

This letter is being submitted as your invoice to cover the amount listed above; which your municipality is asked to pay said amount for the 2026 year. The board did review livestock numbers from the last three census and decided to keep a minimum charge of \$280.00 for every municipality except for Admaston/Bromley and Whitewater Region whose amounts dropped to \$500.00 each. The livestock numbers are not reflected on this page.

Please make the cheque payable to the **Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee** and send it to **Donna Campbell 1538 Queensline, Foresters Falls, Ontario K0J 1V0.**

If you have any questions please contact your municipal representative on the Veterinary Services Committee or Donna Campbell @ 613-432-5568.

Please forward the name and address of your representative to this committee to me if a new person has been appointed for 2026. Thank you!

Yours truly,

Donna Campbell
Secretary/treasurer
Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee

**RENFREW COUNTY VETERINARY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

President David McGonegal called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.
David welcomed Keith Black from Renfrew Beef and Wesley Godin who is a sheep producer in the Eganville area to the meeting.
Moved by Connie Tabber, 2nd by Tony Fritsch that the meeting agenda be approved.
Carried.
Moved by Janet Reiche-Schonfeldt, 2nd by Ray Pender that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Financial Statement: Donna Campbell reviewed the financial statement with the people present for the meeting and answered any questions on it.
Moved by Lloyd Robinson, 2nd by Keith Black to approve the financial report as printed and circulated. Carried.

President's report and NPAHN Annual Meeting report:

Sent a letter to Vet Tony Ruyter expressing our gratitude for his years of service and participation in the Vet Services Program
The NPAHN AGM was a Zoom meeting held on November 7 and 8th- fees are to remain the same for the 2025/26 year
Dr. Lance Males spoke on the summer externship and DAVA activities - 11 people participated in the program - NPAHN helps fund this program in hopes of getting large animal vets to sign up for vet positions in Northern Ontario - they do 8 weeks consecutively - proposal is to split it 4 weeks and 4 weeks later so that they can be trained in calving season
Training of 20 students from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay with an emphasis on northern and aboriginal students to start their training but it has been delayed another year
Also in his speech he covered what it takes to start and support a veterinary clinic
Three different farm families spoke on how they are marketing their livestock and their other farm products in the Thunder Bay area.
Bill and Jenny Groenheide - Tarrymoe farms - started in dairy but is now strictly beef, sheep and 500 laying hens and they make use of the Thunder Bay farmers market
Jason and Trudy Reid - Reildridge Farm - sheep, pigs, beef, meat birds, plus homegrown vegetables - market a variety of meat cuts and vegetables at the farmers' market in Thunder Bay, as well as an honest box at the end of the driveway - some of the sheep livestock is sold live to ethnic groups

Mike Visser - My Pride Farm - has a veal trade marketing about 160 veal per year at the market and to Nursing Homes in the area
Succession Planning - Gord Mitchell sent letter of retirement but had a change of heart - he remains as treasurer but the new secretary is Cindy Filmore
Roundtable discussions on "Getting and Keeping an Abattoir", "Selling the importance of livestock agriculture to council", "Creating the conditions for agriculture expansion"
Next NPAHN AGM is November 4 and 5 2025

Veterinary Assistance Program Guidelines: The guidelines remain the same as the NPAHN review has not been completed.

Veterinary Calls Statistics: Two year ago statistics were made available but we are still waiting on the past year's

Election of Executive: Ray Pender ran the elections. He declared all positions opened. Before elections started David McGonegal informed the committee that this was his last year on this committee and that he would serve out his time as a director to NPAHN and that would end after the AGM in November.
No one accepted the position of President or Vice- President.
Moved by Janet Reich-Shonfeldt, 2nd by Allan Wallace that due to the fact that no one will accept the position of President and Vice President, we, the committee, establish and Executive Committee made up of the following people, Lloyd Robinson, Wesley Godin, Keith Black and David McGonegal as a consultant; these people will handle issues that come to the committee in the coming year. Carried.

Appointment of Delegates to the NPAHN AGM:

The AGM is set for November 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. And November 5th from 9:30 am. To 12:00 am.

Delegates to this meeting are Wesley Godin and Keith Black
David McGonegal will also be in attendance as he is a director on NPAHN.

Appointments of Veterinarians under contract:

Donna Campbell is to check with the Renfrew Animal Hospital to see what vets they want covered under contract and to make sure they have the proper equipment and insurance needed for a contract. Dr. Laurie Jeffery still remains under contract. We have an extra contract available if we should get an interested large animal vet to our area. Moved by Keith Black, 2nd by Ray Pender that we approve of Dr. Laurie Jeffery's contract as well as two contracts from the Renfrew Animal Hospital; Dr. Donald Clark and Dr. Evangeline Weins. Carried.

Veterinary and Producers Concerns:

Dr. Laurie Jeffery discussed with the committee the changes that the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth for the Veterinary Assistance Program coming the 1st of April 2025. She presented one of the papers that vets are going to have to have a farmer fill out and it will require their Farm Business Registration Number. It was noted that many horse people do not have this number but they require vets to look after their horses.

Moved by Tony Fritsch, 2nd by Ray Pender that the Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee recommends that this new form that the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth established for the veterinary assistance program be scrapped as many producers; horses and small farms, do not have a Farm Business Registration Number. Further vets do not need any added paperwork and they shouldn't have to hire people to do the paper work: their job is to look after the animals. Carried.

The municipality contributions were looked at and discussed. Donna had statistics on animal numbers for 2011, 2016 and 2021 for the committee to review.

Moved by Janet Reiche-Schonfeldt, 2nd by Connie Tabbert that all the municipalities at \$280 remain the same, that Laurentian Valley be lowered to \$280 and that Admaston/Bromley and Whitewater Region be lowered to \$500 till livestock numbers increase in Renfrew County. Carried.

Connie Tabbert requested a delegation to come to a Whitewater Region council meeting, date to be set to fill the council in on what this committee does.

David McGonegal and Donna Campbell will attend this meeting.

The next meeting will be September 22, 2026 at the Cobden Municipal Building.

David McGonegal adjourned the meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

THOSE PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING

David McGonegal	Lloyd Robinson	Ray Pender	Connie Tabbert
Janet Reiche-Shonfeldt	David Campbell	Tony Fritsch	Keith Black
Wesley Godin	Craig McLaughlin	Allan Wallace	Laurie Jeffery
Donna Campbell			

**RENFREW COUNTY VETERINARY SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 TO AUGUST 31, 2024**

Beginning balance September 1, 2023 **\$18,765.93**

INCOME:	Brudenell/Lyndoch/Raglan	\$ 280.00	
	Laurentian Hills	\$ 280.00	
	Horton	\$ 280.00	
	Greater Madawaska	\$ 280.00	
	North Algoma/Wilberforce	\$ 280.00	
	Killaloe/Hagarty/Richards	\$ 280.00	
	McNab/Braeside	\$ 280.00	
	Admaston/Bromley	\$ 709.48	
	Madawaska Valley	\$ 280.00	
	Bonnechere Valley	\$ 280.00	
	Addington Highlands	\$ 280.00	
	Whitewater Region	\$ 929.72	
	Laurentian Valley	<u>\$ 295.47</u>	
		\$4,734.67	<u>\$ 4,734.67</u>
			\$23,500.60

EXPENSES:	Annual meeting refreshments	\$ 50.00	
	Fee to NPAHN	\$4,000.00	
	Donna's honorarium	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
		\$4,550.00	<u>\$ 4,550.00</u>

Bank balance August 31, 2023 **\$18,950.60**

Reviewed and found to be correct: _____

Dated: _____