

Council and Committee Monthly Summary

September 2026

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew Council and Committee meetings held September 16 and September 29, 2026.

Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meetings and approved minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

The full [Council and Committee packages](#) can be found online.

The [September 16, 2026](#) and [September 29, 2026](#) meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

At the September 16 meeting Warden Jennifer Murphy shared and acknowledged the following information:

- Attendance at the Ontario East Municipal Conference, where municipal leaders from across Eastern Ontario discussed shared priorities and challenges. The conference provided opportunities to collaborate, exchange ideas, and advocate for rural communities on key issues including housing, economic development, infrastructure renewal, and health care.

At the September 29 meeting Warden Murphy highlighted the following information:

- Appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of Municipal Day on September 17, which helped kick off Rural Ontario Week. The event allowed staff, elected officials, candidates, community partners, and residents to learn about the important work of local government as it highlighted County departments and services.
- Recognition of Recovery Day as an important reminder that recovery from addiction and mental health challenges is possible and highlighted the vital role that support, understanding, and compassion play in helping individuals and families. She also thanked organizations, health care providers, peer supporters, and community advocates for their ongoing efforts to reduce stigma and support recovery across the region.
- Attendance at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Community Leaders Banquet, where municipal leaders and community partners from across the region gathered to discuss ongoing investments, innovation, and collaboration. She highlighted CNL's continued role as a key economic driver and community partner, noting the positive impact of regional partnerships on communities throughout Renfrew County and beyond.
- Attendance at the grand opening of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation Water Treatment Plant, recognizing the project as a significant investment in safe, reliable infrastructure. She highlighted the milestone's importance for the community and the long-term benefits it will provide to current and future generations.
- Appreciation to the staff, residents, families, and volunteers of Miramichi Lodge and Bonnechere Manor for hosting successful Long-Term Care Community Engagement Day events. These open houses provided an excellent opportunity for residents and members of the public

to learn more about the outstanding care, programs, and services offered in our long-term homes.

Delegations

September 16:

- Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) Director of Education Kristin Niemi and Board Chair Leo Boland highlighted the school board's continued focus on student achievement, well-being, Indigenous education, and future-ready skills. The presentation showcased initiatives including new cultural spaces in schools, expanded outdoor learning opportunities, STEM and artificial intelligence programs, mental health supports, and ongoing investments in accessibility and school infrastructure. As one of Renfrew County's largest employers, the RCDSB continues to play a vital role in supporting students, families, and communities across the region.
- Council received a delegation from Carefor representatives, including Director of Communications, Marketing and Fundraising Trevor Eggleton and resident Melanie Freeman, who highlighted challenges facing local seniors such as affordability, housing, healthcare access, and food insecurity. The delegation also shared details of the 2026 Melanie Campaign, a community fundraising initiative supporting recreation, wellness, and essential needs programs for vulnerable seniors living in Carefor retirement homes across Renfrew County.
- Suzanne Madore, CEO of Renfrew Victoria Hospital and St. Francis Memorial Hospital, highlighted the need for greater collaboration across healthcare sectors to address hospital overcrowding and improve patient care. She provided an update on efforts to develop a non-emergency interfacility transfer model to reduce pressures on paramedic services and emphasized the importance of removing barriers between organizations to ensure residents receive seamless care across the region.

September 29:

- Members of County Council and staff gathered with representatives from the Circle of Turtle Lodge at the Noojimokamig Reconciliation Garden to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30). Led by Aimee Bailey, Annie Parker, the ceremony honoured the children who never returned home, Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. The gathering included smudging, a tobacco ceremony and drumming by Sherry Dion. During her remarks, Warden Jennifer Murphy offered an apology on behalf of the County of Renfrew and municipalities across the region, acknowledging the deep and lasting harm caused by the residential school system, the Sixties Scoop and other government actions that sought to erase Indigenous cultures and disrupt families and communities.

Announcements

- Nominations for the Warden's Community Service Awards are now open. These awards recognize outstanding individuals, not-for-profit organizations, and businesses that make a meaningful difference in our communities through their commitment to helping others and improving the quality of life across Renfrew County. The nomination deadline is October 16 and the awards will be presented at County Council on November 12.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- The County's Paramedic Service is working collaboratively with Renfrew Victoria Hospital and St. Francis Memorial Hospital to develop a dedicated non-urgent patient transfer service. The initiative aims to improve patient flow, reduce pressure on emergency ambulance resources, enhance hospital capacity, and ensure lower-acuity patients are transported through a service better suited to their needs. As part of the initiative, both hospitals have purchased surplus County ambulances to support the new transfer model, which will continue to be monitored as it is implemented.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- County Council approved the official name of the County of Renfrew recreational trail located on the former Canadian National (CN) Rail Line be The Iron Timber Recreational Trail. Staff was directed to proceed with development of marketing materials reflecting the new trail name.
- County Council authorized the Warden to submit a letter of support to MP Cheryl Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, in support of renewed federal funding for the Trans Canada Trail as part of their national awareness campaign, "This is Not Just a Trail".
- County Council approved a new Recreational Trails Management Plan that will guide the management of the County's recreational trail network and replace the outdated K&P Corridor Management Plan from 2003. The new plan was developed to prepare for the addition of the former CN Rail Line, stretching from the Quebec border to Hawthorn Lane, to the County's trail system. It brings together management of the K&P Trail, the Algonquin Trail, and the newly acquired CN Rail corridor under one updated framework. The Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) Management Plan approved in 2018 will remain in effect and continue to guide management of the broader OVRT partnership trail between Smiths Falls and Mattawa. The new County plan complements the existing OVRT plan by addressing the trail sections located within Renfrew County.
- County Council approved a new by-law that sets the rules for using County-owned recreational trails, which are designated as linear parks. The new by-law will replace the existing trail by-law adopted in 2024 once it receives approval from the Ministry of the Attorney General. The updated by-law was reviewed by trail user groups, including cycling, ATV, trail riding, and snowmobile organizations, as well as the OPP and enforcement partners. Feedback from these groups helped inform the final version. The by-law reflects the County's growing trail network and provides clearer rules and enforcement measures to help ensure recreational trails remain safe and enjoyable for all users.
- The approved contracts/tenders were as follows:
 - For the construction of Algonquin Trail from Bissett Creek to Deux-Rivières, a distance of 9.2 km northward, as well as rough grading and build-up of the balance of the trail to Deux-Rivières, a distance of 20 km. Following an adjustment to remove limestone crusher dust from the contract, it was awarded to G.P. Splinter Forest Products Ltd., Pembroke, Ontario, at a cost of \$964,995.

- o Reconstruction of the Intersection of County Road 51 (Petawawa Blvd.) with County Road 26 (Doran Rd.), Mohns Ave., and Hilda St. awarded to Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew, Ontario in the amount of 3,259,605.06 plus applicable tax.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- The Community Services Committee directed staff to return at its October meeting with additional information on a proposed full property tax exemption program for eligible non-profit housing providers beginning in 2027. Staff noted that exempting non-profit housing providers from property taxes could reduce administrative funding transfers within the affordable housing system, generate recurring savings, and align the County with common practices across Ontario. Further details on the proposed exemption framework and its implications will be presented for Committee consideration.
- County Council endorsed the advocacy efforts initiated by the Niagara Regional Council, requesting a provincial review and modernization of Provincial Offences Act set fines and costs payable upon conviction and requested Warden Murphy send a letter of support to the Attorney General of Ontario.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- Five properties have been transferred from Canadian Pacific to the County of Renfrew as part of the ongoing acquisition of lands for the Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail/Algonquin Trail. Staff continues to work with the County's legal firm and CP to complete the transfer of the remaining parcels.
- The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association will hold its AGM and Tourism Awards on November 3, 2026, at Festival Hall in Pembroke. Nominations are open in six award categories, and applications are being accepted for one vacant board position. The deadline for award nominations and board applications is October 9, 2026. Advance registration is required for the event.
- At the September 29 meeting, County Forester Lacey Rose presented the 2027-2036 Renfrew County Forest Management Plan, which outlines the long-term management of the Renfrew County Forest and will come into effect January 1, 2027, pending County Council approval. The plan balances economic sustainability, environmental stewardship, recreation, education, and climate change mitigation while maintaining third-party forest certification. Staff highlighted the significant ecological, recreational, educational, and economic value of the County Forest. The forest stores nearly one million tonnes of carbon, provides wildlife habitat and flood mitigation benefits, supports extensive recreational use, and generated approximately \$2.35 million in revenue between 2017 and 2026. Revenue of approximately \$2.3 million is projected during the next 10-year plan term.

Additional Information

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Good morning,

Attached is the EORN monthly Cell Gap Project update for the county your municipality is in.

All Cell Gap Project construction related to the county your municipality is in has been completed and this is the final regular monthly update.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Have a great day.

Marco

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EORN Cell Gap Project Monthly Update September 2026

Regional view

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	311	311	n/a
New towers in service	257	253	19
New co-locations	89	89	2
Land use authority	257	257	n/a
Please note that this information is collected monthly and is subject to change as the project moves forward.			

Renfrew County

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	25	25	n/a
New towers in service	47	47	1
New co-locations	11	11	n/a
Land use authority	47	47	n/a
Please note that this information is collected monthly and is subject to change as the project moves forward.			

Note: this data was received on September 29, 2026

Renfrew County Uplifts Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C0367	Chalk River	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C1911	Deep River	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C1948	Petawawa	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4723	Petawawa Blvd. and Festubert Blvd.	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4724	Petawawa Blvd and Sharon St.	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4820	Petawawa and Civic Centre	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C3434	Douglas	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C3425	Eganville	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C3439	Constant Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C3049	Calabogie	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C1910	Mackey	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C1912	Bisset Creek	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C2382	Renfrew Town	Township of Horton	In-service
C3437	Killaloe	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service

Renfrew County Uplifts Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C0377	Cobden	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C0414	Pembroke	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C2706	Barry's Bay	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C2914	Combermere	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C3438	Wilno	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C4077	Barry's Bay Town	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C0410	Renfrew	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C7844	Braeside	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C3436	Golden Lake	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C2569	Highway 17 and Haley Station	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C4088	Highway 17 and Cobden	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service

Renfrew County Co-location Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C4084	Chalk River at Ottawa River	Town of Deep River	In-service
C4087	Deep River Town	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C6629	Meilleurs Bay	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C8544	Janet Road at Granzies Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C6623	Black Donald Lake	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8470	Highway 41 and Highway 71	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8478	Trans Canada Highway and Brent Road	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C8487	ON-60 and Cardinal Road	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service
C6619	Halfway Lake	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C8265	Highway 41 and Greenlake Road	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C6754	RioCan Renfrew Centre	Town of Renfrew	In-service

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8474	Trans Canada Highway at Orange Road	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C8265	Colton Road and Quilty Road	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C8465	ON-60 and Haley Road	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C8625	Dunmore Road and Barr Line	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C8623	Opeongo Road West and Klondike Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8704	O'Connor Road and Wolfe Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8705	Boldt Road and Donegal Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8511	Perrault	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8622	Corrigan Road and Silver Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8497	Hardwood Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8533	Highway 28 and Little Ireland Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8620	Letterkenny Road and Lost Nation Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8621	Heins Road and Quadeville Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8702	Schutt Road and Wingle	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8706	Quadeville Road and Murk Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8618	Oscar Boehme Road and River Bend Drive	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	In-service
C8619	Rocheport	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Ragland	In-service
C8703	Gorman Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Ragland	In-service
C8713	Long Point Way and Inglis Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8498	Highway 41 and Doorley Creek Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8668	Denzil Lane and Upper Spruce Hedge Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8532	ON-41 and Dunagans Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8711	Glenfield Road and Matawatchan Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8712	Holywell Road and Mt. St. Patrick Road	Township of Grater Madawaska	In-service
C8501	Trans Canada Highway and Bissett Creek Road	Township of Head, Clara, Maria	In-service
C8531	Trans Canada Highway 17 at Stonecliffe	Township of Head, Clara Maria	In-service
C8637	Jim Barr Road and Mullins Road	Township of Horton	In-service
C8627	Gunns Road and Round Lake Road	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service
C8696	Simpson Pit Road and Round Lake Road	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service
C6620	Doran and Round Lake Road	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C8473	Forest Lea Road at Pembroke	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C8628	Doran Road and Witt Road	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C8616	Dafoe Road and Micks Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8626	Etmanski Road and Paugh Lake Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C8707	Stanley Olsheski Road and Hasanville Lane	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C8615	Kubesheski Road and Siberia Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C4086	Highway 17 and Glasgow Station	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8515	White Lake Road and Mountain View Road	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8636	River Road and Lochwinnoch Road	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8512	Deacon	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C8624	Connaught Road and Bulger Road	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C8635	Kerr Line and Magnesium Road	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8630	Branch Trail and Nangor Trail	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8631	Westmeath Road at Westmeath Provincial Park	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8632	La Passe Road and Hawthorne Road	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8633	Zion Line and Pappin Road	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8634	Grants Settlement Road at Grants Settlement	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service

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Government Announcements

Ontario Raising Minimum Wage

Minimum wage increasing to \$17.95 an hour effective October 1, 2026, marking the second-highest rate among provinces



[Read the full news release](#)

Funding Opportunities

Ontario Trillium Foundation new Sector grant stream

The Sector grant stream aims to strengthen the capacity and resilience of Ontario's non-profit sector by supporting projects that respond to shared needs and emerging opportunities across the sector.

- Grants are available for non-profit organizations with a demonstrated mandate, presence, and established reputation for supporting Ontario's non-profit sector. Funding supports projects that develop and share strategies, tools, and approaches that help the broader sector build its capacity, operate more effectively, and adapt to changing conditions.

Application opens September 23rd

Application deadline October 14, 2026, at 5 p.m. E.T.

For more information about the program, including eligibility, [click here](#).

Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grants

Grow grants provide a higher level of funding over 2 or 3 years to help proven community programs and services increase their impact.

Application opens October 7th

Application deadline November 4, 2026, at 5 p.m. E.T.

For more information about the program, including eligibility, [click here](#).

Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF)

The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) is a \$500 million program that provides funding to municipalities, Indigenous communities, non-profit organizations and (for new builds only) for-profit organizations through two program streams for projects that:

1. repair or upgrade existing sport and recreation facilities (Stream 1)
2. build new and transformative sport and recreation facilities (Stream 2)

Application deadline Tuesday, December 22, 2026, at 4 p.m.

For more information about the program, including eligibility, [click here](#).

CANTrade

CANtrade™ Returns to Support Renfrew County Businesses Through Changing Economic and Trade Conditions. This limited-time program offered by Renfrew County Community Futures provides repayable financing to help rural businesses in Renfrew County respond to today's evolving trade landscape and position themselves for long-term growth.



Application deadline: January 31, 2027

For more information about the program, including eligibility, [click here](#).

Expanded Energy Management program

Save on Energy has expanded its Energy Management program offering for commercial, institutional and industrial facilities. the Expanded Energy Management

(EEM) Program is a tailored energy management offering based on the unique business needs of your organization. It offers the following paths to help facilities save energy and achieve sustainability goals.

Industrial, commercial and institutional facilities:

- Hire an Energy Manager
- Strategic Energy Management

Industrial facilities only:

- Energy management information systems (EMIS)
- Free training opportunities:

Projects must be completed by January 31st, 2027 deadline

For more information about the program, including eligibility, [click here](#).

Ontario Job Grant

The Ontario Job Grant (OJG) provides funding to help businesses train their employees and update their skills. This helps employers ensure their workforce has the right skills to adapt to a changing economy. The grant lets employers choose who to train, and what skills to focus on to address their needs.

Employers can use the grant to train:

- existing employees to upgrade their skills
- new hires, whether currently employed elsewhere or previously unemployed (a new hire is a trainee with an identified job opportunity within the employer's workforce that has been provided with an offer of employment prior to training)

Application deadline: Ongoing application window

For more information about the program, including eligibility, [click here](#).

Regional Tariff Response Initiative

The national Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI), delivered by Canada's regional development agencies (RDAs), is part of the broader Government of Canada tariff response plan to protect Canadian businesses and workers. In southern Ontario, the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) delivers the RTRI.

Application deadline: Ongoing application window

For more information about the program, including eligibility, [click here](#).

EDC Trade Impact Program

The Export Development Canada (EDC) Trade Impact Program gives eligible Canadian exporters and their suppliers access to expanded financing, working capital support, trade credit insurance and foreign exchange solutions. EDC has allocated \$5 billion in additional capacity to help businesses navigate tariffs, trade uncertainty and changing market conditions.

Application deadline: Ongoing application window

For more information about the program, including eligibility, [click here](#).

Ongoing available funding opportunities from the Ontario government

Find out what other funding is currently available from the Government of Ontario, whether you're eligible, and how to apply.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government>



Upcoming Events

Bridges to Business Empowerment guides business owners to adapt to economic uncertainty, rising costs, workforce challenges, and rapid technological change with resilience, creativity, community support, and optimism. It positions networking and knowledge-sharing as critical tools for building stronger businesses and thriving communities.

Sessions focus on future-ready strategies that help entrepreneurs navigate challenges while building businesses that are sustainable, agile, and purpose-driven. With four events occurring across the region over the month of October and multiple expert keynote speakers, entrepreneurs are sure to find the networking and learning opportunities valuable! Note that ticket fees are tax-deductible as a business expense.

All events run 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and include breakfast (\$30+HST).

To Register Visit: <https://www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com/workshops-events>

BRIDGES TO BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT

OCTOBER 6

Hiring for Success: Proven Strategies to Recruit, Onboard & Retain Great Employees

with **Kris Dawson**,
People & Culture Strategist



8:30AM to 12:00PM
Le Belge Euro Bistro
Barry's Bay
Catering by: Le Belge Bistro



\$30+HST to register

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OCTOBER 13

AI for Main Street Retailers:
Practical Ways to Increase Sales, Save Time, and Improve Customer Service

with **Andrew Patricio**
of BizLaunch



BizLaunch

8:30AM to 12:00PM

Pembroke
Fire Department
Catering by:
The Kitchen Eatery



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OCTOBER 20

Hacking the Human: How Cybercriminals Trick Small Businesses

with **Travis Czech**
of Solis Indago



Community Marketing & Brand Building
with **Matthew O'Leary**
of Remind Media



8:30AM to 12:00PM
Horton
Community Centre
Catering by:
Horton Township
Breakfast Volunteers



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OCTOBER 27

The Operational Edge:
Systematizing Your Business for Growth and Consistency
with **Dez Bair Patel**
of Integrated Health



Better Together: Building Strategic Partnerships Through Co-Marketing
with **Erin Norris**
of OVTA



8:30AM to 12:00PM

Ottawa River Barn
Whitewater Region
Catering by: Ottawa River Barn



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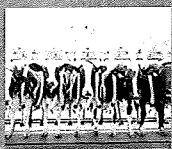
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Building Forward

Planning, Financing, and Funding Your Next Barn Project



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With the Dairy Code of Practice changes phasing in, more producers are weighing what's next for their barn — a new build or a retrofit. This one-day workshop brings practical, hands-on guidance to dairy producers across our region.

Event Details

Date	Time
Thurs Oct 8, 2026	9am-3pm
Location	Cost
myFM Centre Renfrew, Ontario	\$30.00/per person (includes lunch)

What You'll Walk Away With

- A clearer picture of the financial and practical steps for a barn build or larger project
- A stronger sense of timelines, for you and your suppliers
- An action plan and clear next steps for your own project
- A clearer view of the resources and programs available to support you

Presented by Farm Management Canada in Partnership with McLaren Works and local funding and advisory organizations



The PINNACLE OF BUSINESS EXCELLENCE *Awards Banquet*

COCKTAILS & NETWORKING
5:30 PM

EVENT STARTS
6:00 PM

MUSIC & CELEBRATION
8:00 - 11:00 PM

OCTOBER 23, 2026

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Subject: Transport Canada Review and Amendment of Water Aerodrome Public Consultation Requirements
Attachments: Request for Transport Canada Review and Amendment of Water Aerodrome Public Consultation Requirements.pdf

Hello,

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Kind regards,



Nate Harrington

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October 2, 2026

Via Email

Transport Canada
Hon. Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport
Adam Chambers, MP Simcoe North

**Re: Request for Transport Canada Review and Amendment of Water Aerodrome
Public Consultation Requirements**

At its meeting held on September 28, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number CR.234.2026

Moved by Dana Tuju

Seconded by Sherri Bell

WHEREAS the Aeronautics Act defines an aerodrome as any area of land water (including frozen surfaces thereof), or other supporting surface used, designed, prepared, equipped, or set apart for use either in whole or in part for the arrival, departure, movement, or servicing of aircraft and includes any buildings, installations, and equipment situated thereon or associated therewith;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada's public consultation framework for the establishment and operation of aerodromes, as reflected in Canadian Aviation Regulation 307, recognizes the importance of public interest considerations, including compatibility with surrounding land uses, community impacts, and aviation safety;

AND WHEREAS the current regulatory framework expressly excludes water aerodromes from certain public consultation requirements that apply to land aerodromes;

AND WHEREAS the impacts associated with aerodrome operations, including aviation safety, noise, environmental considerations, compatibility with existing land and water uses, and community well-being, are equally relevant to water aerodromes and may, in some circumstances, be more significant due to the shared use of waterways by residents, recreational users, commercial operators, and emergency services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities possess critical local knowledge regarding land use planning, navigation patterns, environmental constraints, recreation, tourism, community safety, and potential conflicts with existing transportation infrastructure that may not otherwise be available during federal decision-making processes;

AND WHEREAS a regulatory framework that requires public consultation for land aerodromes but not water aerodromes creates an inconsistency that may limit opportunities for affected municipalities, Indigenous communities, interest-holders, and residents to provide meaningful input regarding proposed aviation operations within their communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should have a formal opportunity to identify potential safety concerns, including conflicts between proposed water aerodrome operations and established aircraft flight paths, existing airport traffic circuits, heavily used waterways, and other local operational considerations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Ramara respectfully requests that Transport Canada undertake a review of the consultation requirements contained within Canadian Aviation Regulation 307 and related policies and guidance documents respecting the exclusion of water aerodromes from public consultation requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Transport Canada be requested to amend the applicable regulations and policies to require an appropriate public consultation process for the establishment or significant expansion of water aerodromes, particularly where commercial operations are proposed or where there may be impacts on surrounding communities, public safety, navigation, or existing aviation infrastructure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Transport Canada be requested to ensure that municipalities, Indigenous communities, airport authorities, conservation authorities where appropriate, and affected interest-holders receive meaningful notice and opportunity to comment on proposed water aerodrome developments before operational approvals or registrations are finalized;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ramara requests that the federal government recognize the importance of municipal input in assessing the suitability of water aerodrome locations and the potential cumulative impacts of aviation activity on local communities and waterways;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Transport Canada;
- The Honourable Minister of Transport;
- The local Member of Parliament;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- All Ontario municipalities; and
- The Chippewas of Rama First Nation.

CARRIED.

The Township of Ramara respectfully requests your consideration and support of the enclosed resolution, which calls upon Transport Canada to review the current regulatory framework governing water aerodromes and establish appropriate public consultation requirements to ensure meaningful municipal, Indigenous, stakeholder, and public input.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington
Assistant Clerk

Cc. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)
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Via Email

Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North

**Re: Support for Enhanced Municipal and Watershed Representation in the
Proposed Regional Conservation Authority Governance Framework**

At its meeting held on September 28, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number CR.238.2026

Moved by Dana Tuju

Seconded by Joe Gough

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed the consolidation of Ontario's existing conservation authorities into nine Regional Conservation Authorities (RCA), with a proposed transition date of February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed;

AND WHEREAS Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting No. 026-0740 proposed regulations respecting the method for determining the number of members appointed by participating municipalities to RCAs and additional eligibility criteria for appointments to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA);

AND WHEREAS under the proposed governance framework, upper-tier and single-tier municipalities will be responsible for appointing members to RCAs, resulting in lower-tier municipalities no longer having the ability to directly appoint representatives to the governing board;

AND WHEREAS lower-tier municipalities continue to have a direct and significant interest in the programs, services, land use planning matters, natural hazard management, environmental protection and other responsibilities undertaken by conservation authorities within their communities;

AND WHEREAS meaningful local and watershed-based representation will be essential to ensuring that local municipal priorities, knowledge and watershed-specific considerations continue to inform decision-making within the new RCA structure;

AND WHEREAS the geographic size of the proposed RCAs further emphasizes the importance of ensuring that appointed Board members have a meaningful connection to the watershed they are responsible for governing;

AND WHEREAS there remains a need for additional information and guidance respecting several significant aspects of the proposed transition and future operation of the RCAs, including the governance framework, member recruitment and eligibility, travel and time commitments, budgeting, financial responsibility and the future apportionment and payment of conservation authority levies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara supports continued consultation with municipalities and existing local Conservations Authorities on the development and implementation of the new RCA governance framework;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to ensure that any individual appointed to a RCA Board of Directors reside within the applicable watershed of the RCA to which they are appointed, in order to ensure that Board members have a direct and meaningful connection to the communities, municipalities and watershed they are responsible for governing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the future regulations establishing the composition, role, and operation of Watershed Advisory Committees provide meaningful opportunities for lower-tier municipal representation and participation, recognizing that lower-tier municipalities will no longer directly appoint members to RCA Boards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to reconsider the proposed eligibility restrictions for the OPCA Board in order to establish a meaningful connection between the RCAs and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, including consideration of providing for at least one representative from each RCA on the OPCA Board, or another formal mechanism to ensure direct communication and coordination between the two levels of governance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to provide clear guidance to upper-tier and lower-tier municipalities respecting the recruitment and appointment of RCA Board members, including eligibility criteria, desired qualifications and expertise, expected roles and responsibilities, anticipated meeting frequency, travel requirements, and the time commitment associated with serving on the larger regional authorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to provide municipalities with additional information regarding the financial and operational implications of the consolidation, including how RCA budgets will be developed and approved, how municipal levies and apportionment will be determined and collected, whether upper-tier and single-tier municipalities will assume responsibility for levy payments on behalf of lower-tier municipalities, and how costs and financial obligations will be allocated throughout the transition and ongoing operation of the new RCAs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be encouraged to provide this information as soon as possible to allow municipalities sufficient time to understand the governance, operational and financial implications of the new model and to prepare for implementation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Conservation Ontario; Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop; the County of Simcoe; all Ontario municipalities; the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA); and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).

CARRIED.

The Township of Ramara respectfully requests your consideration of the enclosed resolution and encourages support for the continued involvement of municipalities and conservation authorities in the development and implementation of the proposed Regional Conservation Authority governance framework. The Township further believes that meaningful watershed-based representation, opportunities for lower-tier municipal participation, and greater clarity regarding governance and financial implications will be essential to the successful transition to the new model.

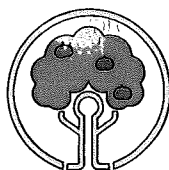
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington
Assistant Clerk

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Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, October 6, 2026)

Respiratory Illness Season is Here: RCDHU Encourages Residents to Get Vaccinated

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is encouraging residents to get protected with recommended seasonal and respiratory vaccines. COVID-19, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and pneumococcal disease can lead to serious illness and hospitalization, especially among older adults and individuals at higher risk. Flu activity across Ontario is increasing earlier than usual this year, so residents are encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as eligible. Vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to protect yourself and others during the fall and winter months.

"As we head into fall, respiratory viruses begin circulating more widely in our communities," says Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health at RCDHU. "Getting vaccinated before respiratory illness season reaches its peak can help provide protection when you need it most and reduce the risk of serious illness, especially for those at higher risk."

Beginning the week of October 13, COVID-19 and flu vaccines will be available for high-risk and priority populations. Beginning October 26, 2026, vaccination will be open to all individuals six months of age and older who live, work or attend school in Ontario.

Where to Get Vaccinated

Pharmacies: Pharmacies are a primary way to access COVID-19 and flu vaccines for residents age 2 and older. Residents are encouraged to contact their local participating pharmacies for information on vaccine availability and booking an appointment. For a list of local participating pharmacies, visit: [Participating Pharmacies: COVID-19 and Flu Vaccines](#).

Your Health Care Provider: Residents are also encouraged to contact their health care provider to get COVID-19 and flu vaccinations. [Participating Health Care Providers](#).

RSV and pneumococcal vaccines may also be available through health care providers, for eligible older adults.

RCDHU Fall Community Clinics:

RCDHU will offer fall community clinics throughout Renfrew County and District where eligible residents can receive flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines. New this year, pneumococcal vaccines will also be available at these clinics for eligible residents.

Beginning October 13, 2026, RCDHU will offer clinics for **high-risk and priority populations**. To find out who can receive each vaccine, see the following resources:

- [COVID-19: High-risk and priority eligibility](#)
- [Flu: High-risk eligibility](#)
- [RSV & Pneumococcal eligibility \(older adults\)](#)

Beginning October 26, 2026, RCDHU clinics will expand to all individuals aged 6 months and older. RSV and pneumococcal vaccines will continue to be available to those who meet their specific eligibility criteria.

Booking a Clinic Appointment:

Individuals planning to attend an RCDHU clinic are encouraged to book an appointment in advance. Walk-in appointments will be accommodated as space allows. To book an appointment:

- Visit RCDHU's [Online Appointment Booking](#) page, or
- Contact RCDHU at 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004

Additional information about RCDHU fall community clinics, including clinic dates and locations, vaccine eligibility, and appointment booking, is available at: [Fall Vaccine Clinics](#).

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