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Dear Mayor and Council,

As you are aware, The Killaloe Lions Santa Claus parade is scheduled for Saturday December 12 at 1pm. This long standing tradition is a favourite with many KHR residents.

KHR Mayor, Council and Township staff are all invited to participate in the parade, mustering on Lions Lane, start time 1pm.

After the parade, Santa and Mrs Claus welcome everyone back to the Lions Hall for hot chocolate and cookies. Some of the lucky kids get to sit on Santa's knee and have their pictures taken. Of course, every "nice" child will receive a goody bag from Santa and Mrs Claus.

Santa has asked if I could write to you on his behalf to ask for your support for this annual event with a contribution of $250 for his goody bag fund. He has assured me that the goody bags go a long way to keeping all the children "nice" and not naughty for the next few weeks.
Your generosity is appreciated.

Secretary,
Lion Janet Johnson

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Council and Committee Monthly Summary

October 2026

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew Council and Committee meetings held October 14 and October 28, 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 October 14, 2026 and October 28, 2026 meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

At the October 14 meeting Warden Jennifer Murphy shared and acknowledged the following information:

- Recognition of Local Government Week, October 18-24, and highlighting the important role municipal governments play in delivering essential services and shaping strong communities. She thanked municipal staff, elected officials, volunteers and community partners across Renfrew County for their dedication and commitment to public service.

At the October 28 meeting Warden Murphy highlighted the following information:

- Appreciation to all who put their names forward for public office in the municipal election, calling it a meaningful commitment to community service, and to the residents who cast ballots in the election.
- Attendance at the funding announcement by MPP Billy Denault about land ambulance service in Renfrew County and an investment through the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program, held at the Eganville Paramedic Base. She noted investments such as these strengthen our Paramedic Services and help prepare us for future growth.
- Congratulations to MPP Denault on his recent appointment as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, calling this significant recognition of his dedication to public service and providing another strong voice for rural and eastern Ontario communities at Queen's Park.
- Gratitude for participation in the recent Lead Through Story professional development event, which brought together staff and community partners for a day focused on leadership, resilience, community and storytelling.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- County Council approved the 2027-2036 Renfrew County Forest Management Plan, which guides the sustainable management of County-owned forests and includes an increased focus on climate change, invasive species and updated forestry requirements. The new 10-year plan takes effect January 1, 2027.
- County Council formally acknowledged the County of Renfrew as the lead municipality for the Renfrew census division's application to the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP). The program supports pathways to permanent residency for newcomers and provides an opportunity to support workforce retention with local businesses and priority sectors.
- County Council refused Official Plan Amendment No. 23 for the Township of Laurentian Valley, which proposed increasing the number of severances allowed from an original property from three to six. Council determined the proposed change should instead be considered as part of the Township's broader Official Plan review to ensure land-use policies are current and consistent with provincial planning requirements.
- Renfrew County has been selected to participate in a Regional Flood Mapping Initiative covering the Bonnechere, Muskrat and Indian River watersheds. The project will provide modern flood hazard mapping at no cost to the County or local municipalities, helping support land-use planning, emergency preparedness, infrastructure planning and climate resilience.
- The approved contracts/tenders were as follows:
    - For the removal of the existing second-floor balconies at 150 Elizabeth Street, Pembroke, including associated structural repairs, restoration of interior and exterior finishes, closure of balcony door openings and installation of protective roof awnings, awarded to Demers Masonry for a net cost of $142,871.04,
    - For parking lot improvements at 450 O'Brien Road, Renfrew awarded to Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited for a net cost of $117,074.88.
    - For elevator modernization at 260 Elizabeth Street, Pembroke, and 63 Russell Street and 8 Burwash Street, Arnprior to improve reliability and maintain dependable access for residents, awarded to TK Elevator Canada Limited (TKE) for all three contracts at a combined value of $836,241.90, plus applicable taxes, for a net cost of $850,959.76.

Corporate Services Committee

- CAO/Deputy Clerk Craig Kelley appeared as a delegation to present the Chief Administrative Officer's Final Report for the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, highlighting Council's accomplishments and progress across its six strategic priorities. The report also reflected on Council's four-year legacy and identified opportunities and challenges for the next term of Council.
- County Council approved a six-month Administrative Assistant II contract position to support a special electronic records management project aimed at improving the organization, retention and accessibility of digital records and supporting more efficient responses to information requests.
- County Council approved the continued appointment of Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little and Bonham LLP as the Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of the County of Renfrew until December 31, 2027.

- County Council approved updated student wage rates of $16.90 per hour for students under 18 and $17.95 per hour for students 18 and over, reflecting changes to Ontario's minimum wage, and adopted the revised Employment By-law No. 1.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- County Council recommended establishing a Housing Task Force Ad Hoc Committee to support a broader, coordinated approach to housing priorities and opportunities, with Warden Jennifer Murphy and Councillors Anne Giardini and Neil Nicholson appointed to the committee. Staff will develop Terms of Reference for consideration of the new Committee.
- County Council received a report about the establishment of an affordable senior supportive living program pilot at the Carefor Mackay Centre in Pembroke. This new program will provide up to 12 units for those living in precarious housing.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- The County of Renfrew Paramedic Service received Ministry of Health certification to build Emergency Response Vehicles using the Toyota Land Cruiser platform. The in-house program is saving approximately 50% on vehicle upfitting costs and is attracting interest from other paramedic services, creating potential new revenue opportunities.
- Three County of Renfrew Paramedics were recognized for significant service milestones at the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs Annual General Meeting and Awards Gala. Kelly Demmons and Stacey Levesque received Exemplary Service Medals for 20 years of service, while Andy Fortington received the Exemplary Service Medal and 30-Year Bar.
- The County of Renfrew Paramedic Service hosted its seventh annual Research Symposium in Burnstown on September 23, bringing together more than 115 paramedics, healthcare leaders, researchers, educators and other professionals from Canada and internationally to share research, innovative practices and ideas that support the evolving role of paramedicine.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- Operations Committee directed staff to gather information from local municipalities and partners on the costs, resources and infrastructure needed to respond to Highway 17 emergencies, including reimbursement for Public Works, emergency detour routes, fire, ambulance and police services. The findings will be organized by the three priority sections of Highway 17 and used to support future advocacy efforts. This recommendation came from discussions during a recent Highway 17 Extension Advisory Committee meeting.
- County Council requested the Province of Ontario advance safety improvements and future expansion planning for Highway 17 between Greenwood Road and Ridge Road in Deep River. Priorities include updated traffic counts, advance warning lights at signalized intersections, completion of an Environmental Assessment, and preliminary design work for intersection improvements that consider future Highway 17 expansion. Warden Murphy will send the request and the *Strategic Advancement of Highway 17* briefing document to the Minister of Transportation.

- County Council approved changes to the Standing Corn Snow Fence Program to increase payments to participating farmers from 150% to 200% of the value of a bushel of corn, better reflecting the cost of leaving rows of corn along County roads to serve as snow fences.
- Director of Public Works and Engineering Taylor Hanrath provided a 2026 year-in-review, highlighting a busy year with more than $25 million in projected capital work, approximately 51 km of County roads rehabilitated, 13 bridges and culverts rehabilitated or reconstructed, and continued development of the County's recreational trail network. The department also maintained its road, trail and structure network to required standards, invested in vehicles, equipment and patrol yards, and continued planning for major infrastructure projects and growth-related needs in 2027 and beyond.

Additional Information

Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk

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Respite Home

Open House

Join us for an Open House at the MVACL Respite Home!

Tour our Respite Home and discover how our welcoming, comfortable space can provide a positive and enjoyable experience for people and their support staff.

Thursday, November 19th	**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**	**155 Queen Street Killaloe**

We hope you can join us!

Better Together

Madawaska Valley Association for Community Living