

Good afternoon Council and staff,

Since my last report to Council on Feb 19th I have attended a meeting on Mar 3rd, along with Alternate head of Council Debbi Grills, with our neighbors Laurentian Hills to discuss auto ex issues. Attending for Laurentian Hills were CAO Sherry Batton, Mayor Jed Reinwald, and fire Chief Kevin Waito.

More on this later.

On Thursday, Feb 25th I attended a meeting of County Council. Part of the report from the Finance and Admin committee had a recommendation that the Warden recommend appointment of a Deputy Warden(s). I asked for this item to be severed from the report and moved a number of amendments and also submitted a written argument for debate which you have received by email. Long story short, after some intense debate these have been referred back to committee.

On Friday, March 4th, I attended a RMFEO meeting in Charbot Lake. Two members of the local press were in attendance. I will forward the minutes of that meeting to you as soon as I get them. Those members who attended the OGRA/ROMA conference were quite satisfied that as a group they made significant progress in introducing themselves as a new organization and in raising the issue of rising policing costs.

On March 8th I attended a Property and Development committee meeting and on March 10th I attended a Renfrew County Housing Corporation and Social Services committee meetings. At the meeting on Tuesday I gave Jim Hutton, the County CAO, a member's notice of motion which you have in front of you. It is my belief that all governance issues should be dealt with only by full County Council and not by any committee.

While not Council business, I attended a meeting of the DRDHF on March 2nd.

This concludes my report to Council.