Report # 05/12/14/805 - Report to Council - Integrated Community Services Council (ICSC) Meeting

On October 23, 2014 I attended the ICSC meeting at the Deep River Hospital. The council's purpose is to the promote quality of life for North Renfrew residents by identifying and responding to the various health and social need of individuals and families. My purpose in attending this council is to be certain that Head, Clara & Maria's rural voice is heard at the council and especially in the Renfrew County Community Study. An overview of this study is in your package. Phase 1 was to have taken place in the Fall of 2014 but is currently still in development and will probably not be rolled out until January of 2015 at this point.

Gary Sims, President and CEO of DRDH wants this council to be "activity triggered" and from that a healthy eating initiative is being explored for a project in 2015. I attended another meeting on November 7th concerning this project that looks like it will be a "Kids in the Kitchen" pilot at Mackenzie School for after school. This type of initiative has been discussed by our Recreation Committee and I will continue to follow the progress on this. Perhaps this type of project might be an intergenerational activity here.

Councillor Debbi Grills