Report to Council April 8th, 2016

Good afternoon Council and staff,

Since my last report on March 11th this year I have attended meetings of County (Property and Development, Social Services, Renfrew County housing and County itself) and a meeting of the Rural Mayor's forum of Eastern Ontario. Councillor Grills and I attended the meeting of the Finance and Admin committee on our hook to observe firsthand how they dealt with the data from HCM re the Warden's conduct.

The info on the committee meetings was sent to you as part of the County package. On March 31st I sent you some preliminary data about the County meeting. We did not get any retraction from the Warden however we did make our point as was reported in some of the media. There was no surprise there. As you know, I had some resolutions with respect to governance issues and these created a great deal of debate but to no avail. I voted against the Health committee report and all other issues that concerned us. A weighted vote was held on the deputy warden position and was lost. You can view all of this from the County website once all editing functions and approvals are completed. This action normally takes a few weeks to complete.

On Friday, April 1st I attended a meeting of The RMFEO held in Mississippi Mills. MPP Jack MacLaren was in attendance and addressed the group. The meeting was deemed by many to be the best yet. I volunteered to draft a letter for the group re Bill 100 and the damage it is doing in rural Ontario. I have been subsequently asked to hold that draft until further discussion at our next meeting here on May 6th. We had a very good presentation on waste management from Horton Township public works manager.

This concludes my report to Council for this Month