

## Inside your Municipality

November 16, 2009

It's hard to believe that 2009 is almost over. Time passed quickly indeed this year. There was no time off this summer for local politicians due to the flurry of activity created by the stimulus grants announced by provincial and federal governments. Both Central Frontenac and Frontenac County were very successful with their proposals. Central Frontenac received funding for 4 of 4 applications and Frontenac County was funded for 2 of 3 applications. The stimulus grants are providing relief to municipalities. This funding from the province and the feds means that CF must pay only about 1/3 of project costs that would typically be 100% on your property taxes. This is good news especially for residential waterfront ratepayers who year after year feel the sting of increases due to the increase in their assessments. The projects the township is undertaking are all long overdue.

### *Project list*

#### Central Frontenac Township

##### **Playground Equipment Oso Beach Project cost \$56,000.00 Township portion \$22,100.00**

Replacement of equipment which has been in place since the 60's will make play safer for children and support tourism. Sharbot Lake is where the majority of our local businesses are located. Investment is badly needed in all of our villages and hamlets in order to support existing and attract new businesses.

##### **Addition to Township Office Project cost \$210,000.00 Township portion \$76,800.00**

Currently 5 staff report for duty out of trailers which are located in the township office parking lot. These staff members serve and interact daily with the public. The current situation is awkward at best and dangerous at times, especially when steps are wet and/or icy. The addition, which will include office space, a meeting room (something which is sadly lacking in our current facility) and storage, is already underway.

##### **Sand/Salt Storage on Hwy 7 Project Cost \$350,000.00 Township Portion \$ 166,666.66**

Covered sand/ salt storage area is a win for the environment and a financial win.

##### **Road Safety Improvement Project Cost \$2,367,395.74 Township Portion \$ 789,131.91**

Many of our secondary roads have already received new gravel and underwent safety improvements as a result of this funding. More work will be undertaken next year with the balance of the funds.

#### Frontenac County

##### **KFL&A Library in Sydenham Project cost \$2,180,000.00 South Frontenac Twp portion \$727,000.00**

Frontenac County and the Township of South Frontenac are partners in this project. The new library will serve this growing community and provide the municipality with additional space which is badly needed.

**New Ambulance Base in South Frontenac Project cost \$750,000.00 County portion \$250,000.00**

A recent study identified a need for a new ambulance base in South Frontenac around Harrowsmith or Sydenham. A suitable site is being investigated. We hope to build in early spring. This will take pressure off the Parham Station which is frequently called out to respond further south where the population is denser and therefore has a higher call volume.

**Wolfe Island Ambulance Rehabilitation Project cost \$102,000.00 County portion \$68,000.00**

A revitalization of the Wolfe Island Ambulance Base was also funded. Wolfe Island is one of the few remaining stations in Ontario manned by volunteer paramedics.

Best Wishes to you and your families over the holidays and in the New Year. Please feel free to keep in touch by phone or email with myself or staff at the township office

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