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Dairy farmers driving support

Renfrew Area Dairy Producers held their annual golf tournament this past summer, and they have donated \$2,000 to the Renfrew & Area Health Services Village Physician Recruitment Fund. From left are Shannon Fraser of RAHSV administrative staff, RAHSV fundraising chair Karen Maxwell, and Marja van Lindenberg and Barend van Lindenberg of the Renfrew Area Dairy Producers. "This is the second year the Dairy Farmers have supported us, for a total donation to date of \$4,558," Maxwell noted.



SHANNON FRASER

New member

The newest member of the Renfrew and Area Health Services Village Recruitment team is Jim Miller of MEQA who has pledged \$5,000 to the fund. Miller joined after the group's recent presentation to Renfrew council. From left are Ian Clelland, Karen Maxwell, Kevin Hughes, Miller, Bob Johnston, Pauline Hughes and Greater Madawaska Mayor Peter Emon. Missing from the photo are Admaston-Bromley Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe and committee member Sandi Heins.



Santa receives, for a change

Ontario Power Generation made a \$500 contribution to the Renfrew Lions Club in support of the Lions Club Santa Claus Parade happening in Renfrew Dec. 1. From left is Santa Claus, who made a special trip in from the North Pole for the presentation, Lorraine Farnsworth of OPG, and parade chairman Lion Randy Godin.

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Emon to be county warden

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Greater Madawaska Mayor Peter Emon will be the next warden of Renfrew County.

Chief administrative officer Jim Hutton announced last week that the Calabogie resident will assume the position at the Dec. 11 inaugural session of county council.

Emon was the only member of county council nominated for warden prior to the 4 p.m. deadline on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

When notified that he was acclaimed to the office of warden, Mayor Emon said, "It will be a great honour for me to be seated in the warden's chair after the December meeting; one I will treat with respect and thoughtfulness."

Emon also noted that there's a "super staff" at the county upon which he says he'll lean heavily for advice and information.

Emon also said he'll actively consult current Warden Bob Sweet of Petawawa and past

wardens Don Rathwell of Whitewater Region and Janice Visneskie of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards.

"I wish," said Emon, "for council and staff to continue in the tradition of our many wise predecessors, having established mutual respect for each other and individual opinions, continued respect for our guests at council and our staff, and for our taxpayers during our day-to-day interactions with them."

The inaugural session will begin Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. At that time, Emon's inaugural speech will outline his goals and vision for the one-year term of office.

Emon, like current Warden Sweet, has said that minimum stays of two years in the position would allow for more continuity of service.

However, there is a formal nomination process every year for the office of warden, during which any member of county council is eligible after being nominated by two fellow council members.

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