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Renfrew Industrial Commission executive director Dave Lemkay celebrated his birthday Sunday by receiving a Queen's Jubilee medal presented by Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP Cheryl Gallant at the Douglas Frosty Fun winter carnival.

Lemkay receives jubilee medal

Editor's note: Following are news releases from the office of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP Cheryl Gallant.

Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, was honoured to present a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Douglas resident David Lemkay.

"David Lemkay is very well known to the people of the Ottawa Valley for his involvement and dedication to community service. His volunteerism to support just causes speaks to the generosity of his time and abilities. David's numerous involvements in forestry, as a member of the Bravo Task Force to bring high-speed Internet to Renfrew County; the Olympic Torch Committee; the Renfrew and Area Health Services Village and the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association are some examples of his benevolence.

"It is an honour to recognize David Lemkay for his service to Canada and to formally acknowledge his significant contributions and achievements," said Gallant.

MEDAL FOR BASSETT

Gallant was also honoured to present a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Dai Bassett.



MP Cheryl Gallant and Dai Bassett.

"Dai Bassett is a very well known entertainer to the people of the Ottawa Valley. His familiar voice on Valley Heritage Radio is a delight to many listeners. He cares deeply about people in the Ottawa Valley, and is master of ceremonies at many community events. Formerly a farmer from Wales, he is humorous, promotes Renfrew County through Valley Heritage Radio Station, is a volunteer artistic director for Stone Fence Theatre. Frequently the proceeds of his CDs are donated to benefit our local hospitals.

"It is an honour to recognize Dai Bassett for his service to Canada and to acknowledge his generous contributions and accomplishments," said Gallant.

Municipalities commit to funding doctor recruitment

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All four local municipalities have committed to long-term financial support of the Renfrew and Area Health Services Village (RAHSV) physician-recruitment program.

The Town of Renfrew and Greater Madawaska Township recently made an extended commitment to the program that runs through to 2024. Horton and Admaston-Bromley added their support Feb. 5 and 7 respectively.

In 2010, each of the four municipalities began making annual contributions of \$25,000 for administrative and advertising support of the health services village.

A two per cent inflationary raise each year means that contribution will jump to \$26,530 in 2013 and \$27,061 in 2014. That will continue to rise through to 2024, when the annual contribution will reach \$32,987.

Each municipality has now committed to long-term funding that includes responsibility for any funding deficit.

"It's just a good book of business," said RAHSV chair Raye-Anne Briscoe, who is also the mayor of Admaston-Bromley. "It's now in writing, so we know from the get-go what the financial responsibilities are."

At present, the health services village's \$2.1 million recruitment program has a funding deficit of \$360,000, after the Renfrew Industrial Commission (RIC) lowered its financial pledge.

Knowing how positively area residents have responded

for years to healthcare-related causes, future deficits are unlikely, said Horton Township financial services manager Jennifer Barr.

The remainder of the \$2.1 million recruitment budget is scheduled to come from health services village fundraising of \$700,000, plus \$140,000 from Renfrew Home Hardware and \$900,000 from the RIC.

In the motion, the four municipalities "agree to guarantee, in a fair and equitable manner, the \$2,100,000 cost to fund the program to recruit a total of 14 doctors through to its completion and until all related debt is paid" by:

- granting the health services village to direct any surplus funds from the administration budget into the doctor recruitment program;
- creating a line of credit not to exceed \$510,000 administered by the Town of Renfrew, to provide necessary cash flow to the doctor recruitment program; and
- if required, undertaking additional steps to ensure completion of this recruitment program in a responsible and timely manner.

"If we want the program to continue to proceed, this is the way we have to go. If we want doctors, this is what we have to do," said Horton Deputy Mayor Bob Kingsbury.

"This is a provincial responsibility, but because the province isn't lining up for that responsibility, we have to put this on the shoulders of our residents."

Kingsbury estimates the extra onus on Horton residents, over and above the original annual commitment

of about \$25,000, would be \$100,000 if health village fundraising efforts fall seriously short. Seven doctors have been recruited since the program began in 2010.

The current financial agreement with the municipalities says the maximum affordable recruitment initiative would be no more than three doctors in 2013, two doctors in 2014 and two in 2015.

RSHSV pays recruited doctors to Renfrew six straight annual stipends of \$25,000. Similar incentive programs exist elsewhere in Ontario.

Health services village vice-chair and Greater Madawaska Mayor Peter Emon said the motion is "important because it confirms the four communities' commitment to the program, and also assures our partners that we're in a true partnership. I'm very excited because it shows how important the initiative is."

Renfrew Mayor Bill Ringrose, who helped craft the motion, says the town's just doing its share, partly by taking financial responsibility for seeing the program through to its completion.

"Because the program has been so successful, and we'd like to keep it that way, the Town of Renfrew will (also) administer a line of credit," he said.

"Admaston-Bromley has helped on certain logistical issues, so the town stepped forward to provide a line of credit at no cost to the town."

Any interest charges incurred by the account, added Ringrose, will be borne by the health services village.



Information Corner TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Website: www.hortontownship.ca

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

The Township of Horton, fronting on the Ottawa River, located in beautiful and scenic Renfrew County and only 40 minutes away from our Nation's Capital, is seeking a motivated, highly organized individual with superior public relations and technical skills to fill the position of Public Works Manager.

Reporting to the CAO/Clerk, the Public Works Manager will be responsible for fulfilling the Public Works and Waste Management Departmental responsibilities; maintaining the Township's Asset Management Program; supervision of staff and administrative requirements; ensuring that roads, waste and other rural roadway infrastructure are maintained in a safe condition. The Public Works Manager will ensure that service delivery and general public works operations are carried out in a cost effective manner, while implementing a customer service based style that meets all municipal standards and statutory obligations.

For further details of the Public Works Manager position and expected qualifications, interested applicants should review the full job description on the Township website at www.hortontownship.ca. Resumes to be submitted to the CAO/Clerk, Horton Township, in an envelope marked "Public Works Manager Position" at 2253 Johnston Road, Renfrew, Ontario K7V 3Z8, by 4:00 pm Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

Salary is to be based on the successful candidate's experience.

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information collected from applications is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and will be used to determine qualifications for potential employment.

TENDER - RECREATION 2013-01

Installation of Foam Strip under Ridge Vent on the roof at the Horton Community Centre

Sealed tenders clearly marked as "Foam Strip under Ridge Vent - REC 2013-01" will be received at the Township Office 2253 Johnston Road, Renfrew, Ontario K7V 3Z8 until 4:00 pm Wednesday February 27, 2013 and will be opened at the Recreation Committee Meeting held later that evening.

TENDER - RECREATION 2013-02

Frame-in open area above Electrical Room in the Rink Change Room Building

Sealed tenders clearly marked as "Frame in Rink Change Room - REC 2013-02" will be received at the Township Office 2253 Johnston Road, Renfrew, Ontario K7V 3Z8 until 4:00 pm Wednesday February 27, 2013 and will be opened at the Recreation Committee Meeting held later that evening.

A mandatory site meeting for bidders of both tenders will be held Friday February 15th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rink Change Room, 1005 Castelford Road.

Tender specs and tender forms for both tenders are available at the Municipal Office and on the Township's website at www.hortontownship.ca.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

HORTON WINTER CARNIVAL FEBRUARY 22 & 23

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 6pm - Family registration for Snow Sculpturing
- 6:30pm - Snow Sculpturing begins
- 6-7pm - Registrations for the Snow Princess & Snow Prince
- 6-7pm - Skating
- 7-7:30pm - Judging for Snow Prince & Princess
- 7:30pm - Crowning of the winners
- 8pm - FREE "Kids Pizza Party"

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 8-10am - Breakfast
- 9-10am - Face Painting
- 10am - Chicken bingo
- 10:15am - "MAGIC SHOW"
- 11am-2pm - Adult Events
- 11am - 2pm - Kids Events
- 12-3pm - Sleigh Rides
- 1pm - Snow Sculpture Judging
- 2-3pm - Figure Skating Show
- 3-4 - Free Skating

Canteen open Noon - 3pm

Draws & Winners Announced at 3pm Saturday

• Lots of Great Draws

CASTLEFORD 8TH ANNUAL CHARITY FISHING DERBY

Sat. Feb. 16, 2013

6 am - 6 pm

ADULTS \$10.00 AGE 17 & UNDER \$5.00

Weigh in's at 2014 Thompson Road

SHANTY BREAKFAST 6 AM - 11 AM AT HORTON

COMMUNITY CENTRE

PREPARED BY THE HORTON FIRE FIGHTER

ASSOCIATION

SUPPER STARTS AT 5 PM



COMING EVENTS

HORTON COFFEE CLUB

- Wednesday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Horton Community Centre

HORTON WINTER CARNIVAL Feb 22 & 23

DANCE March 15 - The Brysonaires

DANCE March 22 - The Countrymen