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COUNTY WEBSITE OFFERS MORE

Picton, ON – The Prince Edward County website has added a new component to provide improved and expanded access to municipal government information.

Agendas for all Standing Committees, Council and Committee of the Whole meetings now offer links to all supporting agenda material, including staff reports, minutes from Advisory Committees and other background information. Fully electronic agendas offer many advantages:

- More transparent operations
- Ease of access to decision-making process and background information for the public
- Faster dissemination of information to Council, Committee members and the public
- Cost savings through reduction of paper and photocopying
- Environmentally friendly
- More efficient use of staff time in all departments.

Also new is a comprehensive by-law listing, which provides full copies of every by-law enacted since amalgamation. Commonly requested by-laws are provided in consolidated versions to incorporate amendments, and agendas and minutes are listed from 2002.

All by-laws, agendas and minutes are fully searchable through a key-word search function similar to Google.

The web-based database, provided by ICompass Technologies, stores all documents on a secure, external website. The off-site storage plays an important part in disaster recovery and business continuity planning by making key documents instantly accessible should the local server be unavailable.

The program also provides enhanced meeting management tools, such as minute taking, resolution generation and action tracking capabilities, which will be implemented in the next phase of the project for even greater administrative efficiencies.

"This service is an excellent resource for the public, the media, members of Council and staff in accessing and researching municipal information," said Mayor Leo P. Finnegan. "A vast amount of data is instantly available by clicking the 'Agendas, Minutes and By-laws' link from the home page of our County website www.pecounty.on.ca."