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Special Meetings called to consider a Cost Analysis of the County Administration Facilities

Picton ON - Mayor Leo P. Finnegan has called a Special Committee of the Whole meeting on September 20, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. for Council to receive a staff report containing a cost analysis of the County's administration facilities. A public meeting to obtain input on the report will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Prince Edward Community Centre.

In February 2007, Council received a synopsis of seven years of studies and reports that had been prepared to respond to the complex problem of a fragmented administration and inadequate facilities. Council requested cost estimates for a 25-year period comparing a centralized administration facility with a decentralized model.

"One way or another, we are going to have to address some serious shortcomings in our administration facilities. Whatever solutions we arrive at will have costs involved and will impact on our ability to deliver services. We need the public to be aware and informed of the issues." said Mayor Finnegan. "We are breaking the matter into two separate meetings: one for Council to receive the report and allow the public adequate time to review it; and two, to obtain public input at the October 4th public meeting."

Both meetings will be advertised in local papers during the first week of September. The staff report will be posted on the County website, no later than September 14, 2007.

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