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## **County Delegation Meets With Minister Yakabuski on 417 Expansion**

**PEMBROKE, ON:** On Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>, a delegation comprised of Warden Jennifer Murphy, Councillor Peter Emon, Chief Administrative Officer Paul Moreau, and Director of Public Works & Engineering Steven Boland met with Minister of Transportation John Yakabuski to discuss the expansion of Highway 417 West of Scheel Drive.

The discussion centered on the importance of the highway extension providing safe travel to residents and visitors, as well as its role as a key transportation link to large employers in the county. Minister Yakabuski stated that the province continues to move forward on the project and is committed to continuing the dialogue with the County of Renfrew by keeping them informed of the status of the project as it moves forward.

Warden Jennifer Murphy shared this comment, *“This was a productive meeting, and Minister Yakabuski acknowledged the County’s significant contributions to discussions with regards to expansion of the highway, and he thanked the delegation for their continuing dialogue with both the Province of Ontario and community stakeholders.”* The Warden continued on by saying, *“We have had several meetings in recent years with both Provincial and Federal Government Officials, and we are pleased to have been able to meet with the Minister today; we look forward to ongoing discussions regarding the next phases of the highway expansion project.”*

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