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Hello Friends and Neighbours,

Welcome to the latest edition of Township News & Notes, my occasional email to those on my "Engaged Citizens" email list. If you don't want to be on this list just press delete or email me back asking to be removed.

Remember that this is an initiative of mine as a Councillor, and not something produced by or for the Township.

Apologies for those on Facebook who may have already read this info. Should you be so inclined, you may find me on Facebook at **Algonquin Highlands Councillor Carol Moffatt**.

ELECTION NEWS:

- I'm pleased to announce that **I am running for the position of Reeve** in the upcoming election. This decision comes after much consideration and an awful lot of support from so many of you. You may visit my website at www.carolmoffatt.ca which is going live today (Wednesday).
- Please vote. And remember that your Voter Kit will come in the mail to your permanent address. All you have to do is follow the instructions, make your mark and send it back. For more on this read my website blog or click here: <http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/election/index.html> <<http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/election/index.html>>
- Still on the election, if you're confused about who to vote for, please go to the NOTES section of my Facebook page for a list of considerations when trying to choose whom you want to represent you. If you're not on Facebook and would like this list, just email me back and I'll send it along.
- If you read the Minden Times today, I'd like to correct a couple of things that in the story about my running for reeve. Firstly, I didn't say that air ambulance can't USE a big new runway (the darn thing would be 4,000 feet long - of course they could use it!); I said ORNGE, the province's air ambulance provider told me if the township was building a runway not to do it for them because they use helipads at hospitals. Also, the airport project is NOT the reason I'm running for Reeve. I'll post more on my conversation with ORNGE on my blog at www.carolmoffatt.ca.

IN OTHER NEWS:

- Don't forget August 16th was the day to start changing your mailing addresses if you're currently in RR#2 Minden or RR#1 Haliburton. There's one year's grace so no huge rush, just a reminder.

- The Township's Chief Building Official Don Kidd was recently hired as a full-time firefighter with Toronto Fire Services. Don's success in achieving his dream means the Township is seeking a new CBO. The job posting is closed and applications will be reviewed soon. Bylaw Enforcement Officer Mitch O'Grady has been appointed Acting CBO and is a pretty busy guy these days! Thanks, Mitch and good luck Don.
- In other staff news, longtime Treasurer Sheila Griffin has left the township and I wish her the best. A new Treasurer will be sought very soon and the job posting will appear on the township website.
- Speaking of the Treasury Department, you'll notice new payment dates for your recently-received tax bill. Those dates are September 17th and November 5th. Thanks to Treasury staff for pulling together to get the tax bills done.
- And speaking of the township website, the RFP for the New and Improved township website is closing soon. This is a really exciting initiative I'm pleased to have spearheaded. I look forward to being able to provide more and better municipal information through the new site.
- For those interested in the Airport Development Project, there are a variety of new documents related to the Environmental Assessment posted to the township website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.
- The recent public meeting for the Official Plan review was well attended. Thanks to those folks who took the time to submit comments. The next step is an Open House on Saturday, August 28 where the DRAFT plan will be available for further review and comment. For more info on what this all means, click here: <http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/official-plan.htm> <<http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/official-plan.htm>> .
- As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Until next time ...

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