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The County of Renfrew will be creating a time capsule to commemorate Canada's 150 celebration. At yesterday's meeting of County Council, the attached rules were distributed to all members of County Council as well as a large zip lock bag measuring 10.5 x 11". At the end of the second page, there are instructions on the size of the rocks that are required to build the time capsule.

We are asking all local municipalities to share in this celebration by including items from your municipality to be sealed into the time capsule as well as contributing to build the outside of the structure by providing rocks from your municipality. Please adhere to the rules provided so that we can include your items. Any items to be included inside the time capsule must fit into the 10.5 x 11" zip lock bag.

All items and rocks are to be delivered to the County of Renfrew Administration building by May 31. If you let me know when they will be delivering, I will have someone available to assist you.

Please contact me should you have any questions. Thanks. Rose

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The Renfrew County Canada 150 Time Capsule Project

Think of it as a time machine for that is what it is. It travels into the future bringing messages from the past. However it does this very slowly, one day at a time and so we tend to forget that it is there slowly making its way through time as we live our lives. Very few who are here when it begins its journey will be around when that journey is complete in the year 2067.

Exactly what is this time machine and what will we put inside to make this trip into the future? The capsule is a rectangular, stainless steel box that measures 8" x 10" x 18" It will be surrounded by concrete and stone and topped with a County crest to mark the passing days. On June 28, 2017, it will be filled with objects and messages from this time, sealed to protect it from the passing of time and the weather and sent into the future to be opened in year 2067.

The big question is, what do we want to send into the future? The answer is something that we want you to be part of deciding. Here are the rules:

- **MOST IMPORTANT!** Anything to be placed into the time capsule has to fit inside. Think small! Any object has to fit through a rectangular opening that is 8" by 10".
- Space is limited so we will likely have to choose what items to put inside and what has to be left out. Small items that do not take up much space stand a much better chance of being included.

We are unable to include the following as they may damage the time capsule or its contents

- Any item with a battery unless that battery can be removed
- Any food item
- Certain plastics unless sealed in a mylar, pure polyethylene or polypropylene bag.
- Newsprint
- Any paper item that is not on paper that is acid and lignin free
- Anything liquid
- Fabrics made of wool, silk or nylon unless sealed in a mylar, pure polyethylene or polypropylene bag
- Tapes or adhesives
- Explosives or anything that may explode due to chemical breakdown
- Items that are oily or that contain oil or grease

Here are some things that may help an item make the journey into the future:

1. Newspaper articles can be photocopied and printed on acid and lignin free paper. You can find this type of paper at stores selling scrap booking supplies.
2. Place crumpled pieces of parchment paper in the folds of folded clothing items to reduce sharp creasing and broken threads.
3. Black and white photographs tend to last far longer than colour photos
4. Items should be labelled in pencil not ink as ink breaks down over time. A label can be made of acid and lignin free paper or cardboard and be attached with string or cotton thread. No rubber bands as they do not last and will damage other items. Pins and paper clips may rust and do damage.

5. Art work done in oils and watercolours will not do well in a time capsule but acrylic paints and colour pencil drawings will. Crayon may survive but will need to be on the proper paper and placed in a protective bag made of mylar, pure polyethylene or polypropylene.
6. Parchment paper and India ink hold up very well over time.
7. A video in MPEG format might make the trip as might a photo saved as a TIFF. In both cases try to save the file uncompressed and use either a regular SD card or a USB stick to save the file. People in the future will likely not be using either but may have some means of seeing what is on them. We will have a special bag available for these storage devices. Family suitable material only, please.
8. It is better to encapsulate paper than it is to laminate it. Adhesive lamination is not allowed since it will damage other items. Clear polyester sheets that you can buy from an office supply work better to protect photos and paper items.

The Warden will jury all items and select those to be included in the time capsule. Items need to be taken to the **County Administration building, 9 International Drive, Pembroke** no later than **(May 31, 2017)**. Items that are not selected can be picked up at the **County Administration Building** after **June 28**. We invite anyone alive to stop by for the time capsule opening in 2067.

Some Suggestions:

- Photographs of the County from yesteryear and today
- Stories or tales from your community
- An object that relates to a story or event in your community
- An object that says something about a person in your community and include a few words or story explaining its significance
- A video or digital image in an SD card or USB drive that provides a message to the people of 2067 or describes an important event or issue in your community

Use your imagination but keep in mind the things we can not put into the time capsule as well as the things you can do to make sure your contribution survives its trip into the future.

Rocks

Requirements for the rocks to be used on the outside of the time capsule: we would like 10 or more pieces of clean field stone from each of the county's 17 member municipalities. Stone should be somewhere between 6 and 12 inches in length and roughly rectangular in shape. Different types of stone would be nice as are different colours. No shale please. Building the cairn is like a 3D jigsaw puzzle and the builder will need three times more stone than he actually uses to have enough of a selection to find the right stone to fit each spot. The size suggestion is not exact so no need to measure the stones you supply. If they are a bit bigger or smaller they may still find a spot somewhere in the structure.

REMEMBER: All items must be delivered to the County Administration Building no later than May 31, 2017 or sooner if possible!