

# Larose Forest Watch proposed



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## A surveillance plan for the Larose Forest is on the list of projects to consider for the United Counties' planning department.

During a committee of the whole session of the United Counties of Prescott-Russell council (UCPR), Clarence-Rockland Mayor Marcel Guibord reported a complaint made to one of his councillors about a close call one homeowner located on Felix Road in the designated residential area of the community forest had during one of the hunting seasons earlier in the year. A stray rifle shot hit his house.

Louis Prévost, UCPR planning director, noted that it is "extremely rare" to get complaints about shooting incidents in the Larose Forest and asked the mayor to get more information on the matter, including whether a complaint was filed to the police.

Meanwhile Prévost has also received a separate request from an area resident about setting up a Forest Watch program for the Larose Forest where the community forest borders Wards 7 and 8 Bourget and Cheney-Hammond of the City of Clarence-Rockland. The UCPR is responsible for

managing the community forest in partnership with the South Nation Conservation Authority, and Prévost supports the idea of creating a forest watch committee.

But he noted that giving access to all the paths in the community forest for a forest watch patrol could create some problems. Not all the paths are suitable for using motor vehicles like dirt bikes or ATVs for patrols. Planning department staff will review the situation to try to develop a plan, with recommendations, for setting up a future "neighbourhood watch" type of program for the Larose Forest.

## Counties Christmas budget

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A new budget may not be the typical kind of Christmas gift but it will be good news for the counties.

The United Counties of Prescott-Russell (UCPR) council could pass its 2012 budget this month or next month.

Approval of the final 2012 budget should take place during the Nov. 22 or Dec. 13 session of counties council.

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