

# United Counties of Leeds and Grenville



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Here are the highlights from the regular United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Council meeting held Aug. 13.

**Governor General Recognizes UCLG:** Bud and Kim Eyre from the Brockville branch of St. John Ambulance presented counties council with a priory vote of thanks from Governor General Michaëlle Jean acknowledging support for the organization. St. John Ambulance offers innovative programs and products, ensuring Canadians receive the best quality training and expertise in first aid and CPR services. The counties' support includes the donation of vehicles used to help volunteers cover a service area of some 50,000 square kilometres. Warden Mel Campbell said the United Counties are pleased to work with St. John Ambulance. "We expect this cooperation and friendship will continue for many more years." For more information, contact Dan Chevrier, Emergency Medical Services Division Manger, at 613-342-3840, ext. 2404. **A photo of the presentation is attached. From left are Kim and Bud Eyre of St. John Ambulance, Warden Mel Campbell and Chief Dan Chevrier.**

**Funding for Work in Limerick Forest:** The counties have received infrastructure funding through the National Trails Coalition to replace the Limerick Forest chalet and to improve and expand trail networks with new construction, an emergency access road and trail upgrade, bridge and water crossings, signage, trail surveying and tracking, and trail rehabilitation. The application was submitted in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders. The counties must provide 50 per cent of the funding, amounting to \$126,000, which will be borrowed from capital reserves and repaid within three years. Work must be completed March 31. Completion of the new trailhead/education centre will come just as council celebrates the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a decision to establish the Limerick Forest lands. Council authorized the counties to enter into an agreement with the National Trails Coalition to proceed with the project and outlining the funding requirements. Councillors acknowledged the hard work of several staff members in the application process and noted a new chalet will open up many new exploration opportunities for school groups and the general public. For more information, contact Geoff McVey, Forest Manager, at 613-342-3840, ext. 2416.

**Public Works Projects Proceeding:** A number of contracts have been awarded and several public works projects are now underway. Council heard that thanks to infrastructure funding and tender results, a milling and resurfacing contract was awarded to G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Co. Ltd. for \$4 million, with the micro-surfacing work awarded to Duncor Enterprises Inc. for \$672,000. Council awarded the rehabilitation of the Outlet, Officers Quarters and Smith's Bay bridges to H.R. Doornekamp Construction Ltd. for \$1.8 million and the renovations for the Leeds and Grenville EMS Station in Elgin to UBCOM for \$368,000. G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Co. Ltd. was also awarded the rehabilitation project on Cty. Rd. 2 between Mallorytown and Long Beach (\$2 million), the construction on Cty. Rd. 5 (\$3.2 million) and granular shoulder work (\$236,000). A contract for \$96,000 worth of slurry seal on various roads was awarded to Miller Paving. For more information, contact Les Shepherd, Director of Works, Planning Services and Asset Management, at 613-342-3840, ext. 2412.

**Councillors Seek Involvement:** Councillors want to discuss greater local municipal representation on the Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy steering committee regarding the UNESCO status of the Rideau Canal World Heritage Site. The committee originates from the requirement that a sustainability plan be developed to retain the qualities of the site. Merrickville-Wolford Mayor Doug Struthers, committee chair, noted it is not too late to get involved and highlighted an upcoming municipal forum in Perth on Sept. 3 at which next steps will be discussed. Politicians, planners and economic development officers are among those invited to the facilitated session. Rideau Canal Superintendent Gord Giffin has been invited to attend the counties' next governance and finance meeting on Sept. 10. For more information, contact Steve Silver, Counties CAO, at 613-342-3840, ext. 2301.

**Upcoming Meetings –** Joint Services Sub-committee, Sept. 8; Public Works, Sept. 9; Governance and Finance, Sept. 10; Joint Services Committee, Sept. 23; Counties Council, Sept. 24. All meetings begin at 9 a.m. in the council chambers, 25 Central Ave. W., Brockville, unless otherwise noted. *Please note: Non-emergency delegations are heard at committee meetings.* For more information contact 613-342-3840, ext. 2304.

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