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The highlights of the regular United Counties of Leeds and Grenville meeting held on Thursday, March 23, as well as the Joint Services Committee (JSC) meeting held earlier this month, are listed below.

Climate Change Action Plan set by Counties: Counties Council adopted a Climate Change Action Plan and is proposing a regional working group to set action plans.

The plan addresses the Counties' responsibility to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase resiliency. Council recognizes the importance of climate change adaptation and mitigation, and the need for greater change and environmental considerations in its planning and decision making across the region.

A regional working group will consider opportunities for area municipalities to advance climate change initiatives to improve regional economic development, strengthen long-term security of commerce and industry, and ensure the demand for increased housing stock is supplied in an environmentally sustainable way.

The Plan also recommends the implementation of the Partners for Climate Protection program, a network of over 510 Canadian municipalities engaged in reducing greenhouse gases. The program, delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, will see the Counties working to inventory and forecast greenhouse emissions, setting a reduction target, developing and implementing a local action plan.

The Plan also states Council will explore grant and incentive opportunities that encourage sustainable practices. For more information, contact Ray Callery, Ray.Callery@uclg.on.ca or call 613-342-3840, ext. 2301.

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Counties Takes Steps Toward Visioning Exercises: An Organizational Resiliency and Human Resources Initiatives plan was presented to Council by Chief Administrative Officer Ray Callery.

The presentation proposed quarterly planning sessions with Counties Council on strategic objectives, which mark the first step toward a Strategic Plan. Council passed a motion directing the Warden and the CAO to provide a minimum of three possible strategic planning facilitators for consideration by Council with a view to engage a professional facilitator to assist Counties Council in initiating a Strategic Visioning Discussion.

Council intends to hold its first session this spring. For more information, contact Chief Administrative Officer Ray Callery, Ray.Callery@uclg.on.ca, or call 613-342-3840, ext. 2301.

Long-Term Care Redevelopment Nurse Call and Low Voltage System Award:

Counties Council approved the nurse call and low voltage system for the new long-term care home being developed in Athens at the Maple View Lodge site. The tender will be awarded by the general contractor, McDonald Brothers Construction, to Austco Healthcare in the amount of \$3,114,145.86 excluding HST

The system, which improves resident care, will also assist staff with the increased documentation required by the province's four-hours of care per resident per day initiative For more information, contact Alison Tutak, Alison.Tutak@uclg.on.ca, or call 613-342-3840, ext. 2305.

Upcoming meetings: The Joint Services Committee meeting is on April 4th; the Committee of the Whole meeting is on April 5; the Maple View Lodge Committee of Management meeting is April 6th; Special Committee of the Whole on April 19th; Counties Council is on April 20th. All regular meetings begin at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 Central Avenue, Brockville. For more information, contact County Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services, Sheena Earl, at 613-342-3840, ext. 2454, or sheena.earl@uclg.on.ca

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