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MEDIA RELEASE

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The highlights of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Council Meeting held on Thursday, January 19th, 2023, as well as the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) and Joint Services Committee (JSC) meetings held earlier this month, are listed below.

Update on the Maple View Lodge Redevelopment Project:

The Maple View Lodge Redevelopment Project is the largest capital project ever undertaken by the Counties. Once completed, there will be a new, 192-bed, long-term care home in the beautiful, rural setting of Athens.

The Maple View Lodge Fundraising Committee, chaired by Mr. Doug Struthers, has been working diligently to prepare for the launch of the fundraising campaign in the coming months. Funds raised from the campaign will be utilized for items which will enhance the lives of residents and provide aides to assist staff in providing exceptional care. Council approved the Maple View Lodge Committee of Management's recommendation to set the fundraising goal at \$3-million, with approximately \$2 million estimated to be raised through naming rights for the facility itself and areas such as walkways, gardens, and resident rooms.

At its regular meeting in January, Counties Council also approved "Maple View Landings" as the name for the lands the existing Maple View Lodge is situated on. The new name for the grounds was recommended for approval by the Maple View Lodge Committee of Management and Council's decision will allow the Fundraising Committee to quickly move forward with marketing, communication and fundraising efforts.

For more information contact Long-term Care Fundraising Coordinator Lesley Todd via email Lesley.Todd@uclg.on.ca.

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Committee Chairs Appointed

At its first meeting of 2023, the Joint Services Committee unanimously appointed Mayor Corinna Smith-Gatcke (Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands) as the Chairperson for the Committee for 2023. Upon taking the Chair, Ms. Smith-Gatcke said "I appreciate the vote of confidence and look forward to productive years ahead".

Mayor Herb Scott (Township of Athens) was appointed as the Chairperson for the Maple View Lodge Committee of Management and Mayor Arie Hoogenboom (Township of Rideau Lakes) was appointed as Chairperson for the Planning Advisory Committee.

For more information contact Sheena Earl, County Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services at 613-342-3840 ext. 2454.

Agriculture Area Review

The Counties has initiated an Agricultural Area Review to ensure that the mapping of prime agricultural lands in the Counties' Official Plan is up-to-date and accurate. This Review is provincially required to be completed prior to the next review of the Official Plan, expected in 2026. Planscape has been retained by the Counties to help complete the Review and the first public consultation event was held in December to introduce the project and schedule, and a presentation was made to the Planning Advisory Committee on January 4, 2023. The Review will continue through 2023 with multiple public consultation events and draft mapping available for review this spring. Comments and questions are always welcome. For more information, please visit the dedicated webpage www.leedsgrenville.com/agriculture or contact Cherie Mills, Manager of Planning Services at 613-342-3840 ext. 2419.

Appointment of Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC):

Counties Council, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, has appointed Ms. Christina Conklin as the Emergency Management Program Coordinator (also known as the Community

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Emergency Management Coordinator) for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Ms. Conklin is also the Deputy Clerk and Legislative Coordinator for the Counties.

As CEMC, Ms. Conklin will be responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of the Counties' Emergency Management Program and will report to the Counties' Emergency Management Program Committee. The Committee is responsible for conducting annual reviews of the Counties' Emergency Management Program and making recommendations to Council with respect to the enhancement of the Program.

For more information contact Deputy Clerk and Legislative Coordinator Christina Conklin at 613-342-3840 ext. 2456 or cemc@uclg.on.ca.

Upcoming meetings: There will be a Special Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 and the regular meeting of Counties Council will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The next Joint Services Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023; the next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023; and the next Maple View Lodge Committee of Management will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023. All regular meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 Central Avenue West, Brockville. For more information, contact County Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services, Sheena Earl, at 613-342-3840, ext. 2454.

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