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Council Recognizes Long-Standing Employee of the Counties, Anne Dixon

Anne Dixon began her career in 1989 with the City of Brockville and in 2001. When the Province of Ontario downloaded family benefits to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Anne assumed the role of Family Support Worker.

Anne has fulfilled many roles, including Ontario Works Case Manager, Eligibility Review Officer, and in 2020, transferred as a Case Manager to the Housing Department where she remains today, working out of the Prescott satellite office.

In her Warden's remarks at January's Counties Council meeting, Nancy Peckford said, "Anne's ability to provide support, empathy, and guidance to empower the people that we serve is amazing and serves as a role model to all staff. Anne cares deeply about people, and the Counties is so very fortunate to have had Anne dedicate her past 40 years to uplifting people in our community. Anne has earned the deep respect of management, peers, community partners and her clients."



(Left to right) Warden Nancy Peckford, Anne Dixon, Alison Tutak.

For more information, please contact Director of Community and Social Services, Alison Tutak at 613-342-3840 ext. 2305 or by email at Alison.Tutak@uclg.on.ca

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Statement from Warden Peckford on the Passing of Former Warden, Ken Finnerty

“On behalf of Council, Municipal staff and the community, I would like to express our sincere and heartfelt condolences to family and dear friends on the passing of Mr. Ken Finnerty, long-serving Reeve of the Town of Kemptville, Councillor and Deputy of Mayor of the Municipality of North Grenville. Mr. Finnerty passed away on January 14, 2024.

Mr. Finnerty was a pillar of this community and his loss will be felt by many. Though I did not have the honour of working with him personally - many who knew him well have spoken to me of his enormous impact on our community. His legacy continues today.

He was first elected as Councillor in 1985 and served until 1997. From 1994 – 1997 he served as Reeve of the Town of Kemptville. In 1995, Ken Finnerty was appointed Warden for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, an honour his father held exactly forty years prior.”

Warden Peckford’s full statement can be found by visiting North Grenville’s website at: <https://www.northgrenville.ca/news/statement-from-mayor-nancy-peckford-on-passing-of-former-reeve-ken-finnerty>

Council Appoints Interim County Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services

In January, Council appointed Geoff Clarke as the interim County Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services. Mr. Clarke brings a high level of experience in both the public and private sectors. After spending the last nine years with the City of Cornwall, Mr. Clarke is looking forward to his new role with the Counties.

For more information, contact County Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services, Geoff Clarke, at 613-342-3840 ext. 2456 or by email at Geoff.Clarke@uclg.on.ca.

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Council Extends Best-Wishes to Economic Development Officer, Deanna Clark



Members of the Counties' Economic Development team from left to right: Cyndy Bolton, Joanne Poll, Ann Weir, Deanna Clark, Carol Hardy, Shelbi McFarlane, Jeanette Johnston.

Council extended their best-wishes to the Counties now former Economic Development Officer, Deanna Clark, as she officially retired on January 26th.

After 25 years with the Brockville Recorder and Times, Deanna brought her knowledge and expertise in journalism and photography to the Leeds Grenville Economic Development Office in May 2010. During her near 14 years at the Counties, Deanna has been instrumental in the creation of the business eNewsletter, along with supporting the development of several promotional videos, numerous articles and publications and the Economic Development website. Deanna has taken 1000s of photos across the region and interviewed 100s of business owners. She has also played a key role in the coordination of the Bill Thake Award for Economic Development Leadership since its 2011 launch.

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“Deanna is leaving the Economic Development Office after building a strong foundation of promotional tools and an amazing inventory of photography from throughout Leeds Grenville. She will be missed by her colleagues and the many friends she has made along the way” said Economic Development Manager, Ann Weir.

For more information, please contact Economic Development Manager, Ann Weir, at 613-342-3840 ext. 5365 or by email at Ann.Weir@uclg.on.ca

2024 Budgets Approved by Council and Joint Services Committee

In February the budgets for all Counties services were approved, including services administered on behalf of our Joint Services partner Communities of Brockville, Prescott and Gananoque. The Counties is completing a summary of the 2024 Budget and will be releasing a document to the public in the coming weeks.

At this time, the Counties is in the process of sharing information with partner municipalities to enable them to complete their taxation requirements.

For more information regarding the 2024 Budgets, contact Treasurer, Pat Huffman, at 613-342-3840 ext. 2468 or by email at Pat.Huffman@uclg.on.ca.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Joint Services Committee (JSC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5th. Committee of the Whole will take place on Wednesday, March 6th. Maple View Lodge Committee of Management will meet on Thursday, March 7th. Counties Council will take place on Thursday, March 21st.

The full United Counties of Leeds and Grenville meeting calendar can be found [here](#).

All regular meetings start at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 Central Avenue West, Brockville. If you require more information, please contact Interim County Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services, Geoff Clarke, at 613-342-3840 ext. 2456 or by email at Geoff.Clarke@uclg.on.ca



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