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Paramedic Services Week – May 21st to 27th, 2023



Left to Right: Warden Nancy Peckford, Deputy Paramedic Chief Kerry Morris, Paramedic Tyler Laverty, Paramedic Lindsey Lowe, Paramedic Chief Jeff Carss, Joint Services Committee Chair Corinna Smith-Gatcke

In 2023, Paramedic Services Week is celebrated across Canada from May 21st to 27th. This year's theme, "Diversity in Paramedicine – The Patient. The Provider. The Profession." recognizes the importance of diversity, inclusion and equity. Counties Council, at its meeting today, recognized Paramedic Services Week and the team of Leeds Grenville Paramedics who provide critical, lifesaving care to residents and visitors.

Warden Nancy Peckford stated the Counties employs many highly qualified and dedicated paramedics and offered sincere thanks to each of them, acknowledging the high quality of care and critical expertise they provide. She said, "There has been a lot of conversation around the status of our Paramedic Service and making sure they can

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do their jobs well while taking good care of themselves. Many of us have had personal, first-hand experience with our local paramedic service and we know how incredibly dedicated they are."

Leeds Grenville Paramedic Chief, Jeff Carss, said "We thank our paramedics for the hard work and professional care they provide to thousands of Leeds and Grenville residents and visitors." He also thanked Paramedics for supporting one another, especially over the last couple of years. "Paramedics are an essential component to Ontario's healthcare system and the work they do for Ontarians is sincerely valued. "

Upcoming meetings: The next Joint Services Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023; the next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023; and the next Maple View Lodge Committee of Management will be held on Thursday, June 8, 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.