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## MEDIA RELEASE

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The highlights of the regular United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Council Meeting held on Thursday, November 21st and a Committee of the Whole meeting on November 5th are listed below.

**Company hired for Maple View Lodge expansion:** The United Counties have hired Turner & Townsend CM2R Inc. to oversee the redevelopment and expansion Maple View Lodge, the long-term care facility near Athens.

The contract totaling \$598,730 includes project planning and initiation, design development, ministry review and approval, procurement of a general contractor, design and procurement of furniture, fixtures and equipment, the construction phase and project close out.

The estimated duration of the contract is from November 2019 to April 2023.

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care approved funding for the 132-bed expansion earlier this year. The project will see the existing Counties-owned building and its 60 beds renovated along with the expansion and new beds. There is also a plan to include 25 independent-living units.

Turner & Townsend CM2R Inc. is an international company that will be providing services mostly from their Ottawa office. The company was selected through a competitive Request for Proposal process. For more information, contact Counties CAO Andy Brown at 613-342-3840, ext. 2301.

**Council planning ministerial sessions for ROMA:** Counties Council will submit a list of delegation requests to meet with provincial government officials at the upcoming ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) Conference.

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Counties Council is requesting to meet with six Ontario Ministers over issues relating to the United Counties. Delegation requests are being made to the following:

- Minister of Health regarding the funding for Paramedic Services and Health Units
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the maximum allowance for utilities in multi-residential buildings without individual meters
- Minister of Long-Term Care regarding funding for the redevelopment of the existing 60 beds at Maple View Lodge
- Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding municipal responsibility agreements
- Minister of Education regarding the funding cuts to child care
- Minister of the Attorney General regarding Provincial Offences Act (POA) collections

The ROMA conference "Rural Ontario: Moving Forward" is being held January 19-21 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto. Requests for delegations are required by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, contact Counties CAO Andy Brown at 613-342-3840, ext. 2301.

**Upcoming meetings:** The Committee of the Whole meeting is on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>; the Joint Services Committee Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>; and the regular Counties Council on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. All regular meetings begin at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 Central Avenue, Brockville. For more information, contact County Clerk Lesley Todd at 613-342-3840, ext. 2454.

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