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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, September 24th and Committee of the Whole Meeting September 8th are listed below.

Counties Council to begin search for new CAO: Counties Council is issuing a Request for Proposal by invitation for executive search firms for the recruitment and selection of a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Current Counties CAO Andy Brown is retiring in June 2021 after 33 years in municipal government, including progressive top administrator positions with the Township of Horton, the Town of Prescott, the Township of South Dundas and the Municipality of North Grenville.

"During his eight years with the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Andy Brown has brought considerable strength and consistency to Counties' Administration and has provided invaluable assistance and guidance to the Counties Council governance function," said Warden Pat Sayeau.

"His extensive knowledge of municipal legislation, the functioning of the political process and his vast corporate memory, has served the residents of the Counties very well. The Committee faces a major task in finding a successor," the Warden said.

The goal is to have an Executive Search Team in place by the end of the year or early in 2021. Counties Council has also appointed a CAO Selection Committee which will work with the successful executive search firm. This committee is comprised of Warden Pat Sayeau, Councillors Robin Jones, Arie Hoogenboom, Roger Haley and Corinna Smith-Gatcke. For more information contact Warden Pat Sayeau 613-342-3840.

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Updated electronic meeting by-law passed by Council: Counties Council has passed a by-law governing the continued electronic participation of members in council and committee proceedings.

In the early weeks of the COVID-19 outbreak in March, Counties Council initially passed a by-law allowing electronic participation by members during the emergency. In July, the COVID-19 Recovery Act, or Bill 197, was passed to allow municipalities to permit electronic meeting participation.

The new Counties Council by-law means electronic participation will continue and will be available to members who deem it necessary due to illness, isolation or other constraints. Electronic participation means telephone, video or audio conferencing or other interactive methods where participants are able to hear and be heard by all participants. Members may participate in an open or closed meeting electronically and be counted for the purposes of quorum.

Each member will be responsible to take all reasonable measures to ensure security in the event that a closed meeting is held electronically. For more information, contact County Clerk Lesley Todd at 613-342-3849, ext. 2454.

Motorized riders in Limerick Forest must be club affiliated: The United Counties have entered into an agreement with local all-terrain vehicle and dirt bike clubs for the safe governance, operation and maintenance of the Limerick Forest trails.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the Counties and the Johnstown ATV Club and Bytown Motorcycle Association, which are respectfully affiliated with the Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs (OFATV) and the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR).

"This agreement means that if you wish to ride an ATV or dirt bike in Limerick Forest you must be a member of a local or provincial dirt bike or ATV club," said Forest Manager Geoff McVey.

"The clubs provide maintenance of the trails and trail wardens to promote safe, responsible riding, respect for other riders and they educate riders on the need for

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plates and insurance," he said. The local clubs help control noise pollution, alcohol, littering and riding on closed trails. They also do annual spring and fall trail inspections, which are based on the Limerick Forest Minimum Trail Maintenance Standards. For more information, contact Forest Manager Geoff McVey at 613-342-3840, ext. 2416.

Sand domes being replaced: Five Leeds Grenville sand and salt domes are being replaced over the course of the next two years.

The tender has been awarded to Wright Developments Inc. for \$2.8-million, the lowest of four bids. Work will include the supply and installation of coverall storage buildings, including poured reinforced concrete foundations, electrical work, paving, catch basins, regrading and paving aprons and driveways.

Locations being replaced include South Leeds on Outlet Road near Lansdowne, the Greenbush Garage on County Road 7, South Grenville on County Road 21 near Spencerville, North Grenville on County Road 44 and North Leeds on County Road 29 near Frankville. For more information contact Melanie Knowles, Manager of Engineering and Operations, at 613-342-3840, ext. 2411.

Upcoming meetings: The Committee of the Whole meeting is on Tuesday, October 6th; the Joint Services Committee on Wednesday, October 7th; and the regular Counties Council on Thursday, October 22nd. All regular meetings begin at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 Central Avenue, Brockville. In following Public Health Guidelines to ensure adequate social distancing, Council Chambers remains closed to members of the public. Meetings are livestreamed and recorded and can be viewed on our website. Members of the Public and Media can participate during the question period by emailing questions to the Clerk at Lesley.Todd@uclg.on.ca. Questions will be read out at the appropriate time during the meeting. The Public and Media may also email questions after the meeting and staff will follow up.

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