

News Release

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Task Force Supports Provincial Facilitator's Recommendations

North Grenville, ON – The Kemptville College Renewal Task Force welcomes the report released by Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal this week that recommends the Kemptville Campus be transferred to the Municipality of North Grenville.

"The provincial facilitator, the Hon. Lyle Vanclief, consulted widely with agriculture and other groups to map out a way forward for a sustainable solution for the Kemptville College campus," said Martin Derks, Chair of the Kemptville College Renewal Task Force. "The recommendation that the campus be transferred to the local municipality to establish a new Kemptville Centre for Rural Advancement is an exciting and promising development."

The proposed Centre would be established to meet the training and development needs of employers in Eastern Ontario.

"We appreciate and are thankful for the work of Mr. Vanclief in consulting with the community over the past five months," added Mr. Derks. "On behalf of the Task Force, I would like to thank Mr. Vanclief and the many individuals and groups that have worked hard to get us to this point."

The report released Thursday is available at:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/kemptville.pdf>

About the Task Force

The Kemptville College Renewal Task Force was established following the University of Guelph's announcement to close the Kemptville Campus. Members of the Task Force include representatives from the Kemptville College Foundation, alumni, agricultural communities and municipal governments.

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