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Time for the Province to Explore Options for Kemptville

North Grenville, ON – Following a rally organized by Eastern Ontario farm leaders this past Sunday, a clear mandate has been delivered to the Kemptville College Renewal Task Force to negotiate with the Ontario government and find a long term solution to renew Kemptville College.

“While we very much appreciate the provincial government’s announcement last week, it fell short of the expectations of the agriculture community in Eastern Ontario,” said Brian Carré, Chair of the Kemptville College Renewal Task Force. “Agriculture is the largest private sector employer in Eastern Ontario and we need to ensure that the agri-business sector in this region has a skilled and well-educated workforce.”

Farm leaders also called on the government to appoint a Provincial Facilitator, a request first put to the Premier a month ago. The facilitator is critical to ensuring all areas of government work effectively with the Task Force in the development of a long term solution to keep Kemptville College operating.

“The agriculture community is not looking for a hand out, all we ask for is a hand up at this critical stage,” continued Mr. Carré. “There are many possible solutions for a renewed Kemptville College – some public, some private – but we need the full cooperation of the provincial government as we explore the options that have come forward.”

About the Task Force

The Kemptville College Renewal Task Force was established by the Kemptville College Foundation after the University of Guelph announced its decision to close the Kemptville Campus. Members of the Task Force include representatives from the alumni, Foundation, agricultural sector and the local community.

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