

**News Release**

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**Report delivers concrete options for Kemptville College**

**North Grenville, ON** – The Kemptville College Renewal Task Force welcomes the report tabled at North Grenville council this week that calls for the creation of the Kemptville Centre for Rural Advancement.

“The provincial facilitator, the Hon. Lyle Vanclief, asked for concrete proposals – this report paves the way forward for a sustainable solution for the Kemptville College campus.” said Marty Derks, Chair of the Kemptville College Renewal Task Force. “The proposal that we have delivered to Mr. Vanclief will ensure that skills development programs at the new Kemptville Centre for Rural Advancement will be focused on the current and future needs of employers in Eastern Ontario.”

“We are in full agreement with the report’s findings that program delivery has to be completely re-thought,” added Mr. Derks. “Programs will be highly experiential and modular in design, resulting in the ability to meet the employer needs and attract a broader student population, while at the same time enhancing classroom experience.”

The report identifies four potential program partners: Olds College, Vermont Technical College, Trent University, and Algonquin College.

Vermont Technical College wrote “We are interested in having the opportunity to offer our most successful programs at Kemptville in the future”. Trent University wrote, “Trent wishes to explore the possibilities of partnering with Kemptville College going forward.”

Several private sector partners were also identified in the report. The report, prepared by McSweeney and Associates of Ottawa, is available at:

<http://kemptvillerenewal.ca/PDF/31-10-2014%20Proposal%20for%20KCRA.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 and landscape communities and municipal governments.

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