

News Release

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It's a Start

North Grenville, ON – The Kemptville College Renewal Task Force sees today's announcement by the Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, the Honourable Brad Duguid, as only the beginning of the process to arrive at a long term solution to renew Kemptville College.

"The decision to permit a 2014 skilled trades cohort at the Kemptville campus is a step that will allow the Task Force to move forward in finding a solution," said Brian Carré, Chair of the Kemptville College Renewal Task Force. "While we welcome this news today, it does not go far enough to answer the needs of the agricultural industry in Eastern, East-Central and Northern Ontario."

The Renewal Task Force continues to wait for the appointment of a Provincial Facilitator to assist in the development of a long term solution to keep Kemptville College operating.

"Agriculture is a \$1.6 billion dollar industry in Eastern Ontario and as the business of farming gets more complex and technology driven, local education becomes ever more important" expressed Marty Derks, Vice-Chairman of the Task Force. "As a farmer in Eastern Ontario we require an Agriculture diploma program. On behalf of all farmers in the region, I cannot stress enough the need for this type of high-quality post-secondary education."

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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