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Council Seeks Premier's Assistance in Finding Local Solution

North Grenville, ON – Council of the Municipality of North Grenville are continuing to take action to prevent the closure of the Kemptville Campus as announced last week by the University of Guelph.

On Monday evening, North Grenville Council passed a resolution urging "in the strongest possible way that the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, in both her capacity as Premier of Ontario and Minister of Agriculture and Food, immediately issue a 2-year moratorium on the closure of the University of Guelph's Kemptville Campus and reinstate the intake to academic programs for the fall 2014 semester".

In their resolution, Council also urgently requested a meeting with Premier Wynne to work on a plan to "engage local stakeholders in developing a sustainable and viable solution to preserve the delivery of existing academic and research programs at the Kemptville Campus".

"North Grenville Council are adamant that the solution is more than simply relocating the programs to Southern Ontario" stated North Grenville Mayor David Gordon. "A local solution can and must be found to maintain reasonable access to these essential academic and research programs in order to support innovation and success in Eastern Ontario's agri-food sector and associated trades."

A copy of the resolution is being forwarded to Premier Wynne, who also serves as Minister of Agriculture and Food and to other government agencies across Ontario, including the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, the Minister of Rural Affairs, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as well as all Eastern Ontario Municipalities for their support.

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