

Ontario Seeking a Sustainable Future for Kemptville Campus *Province Prioritizing Agricultural Education and Training in Eastern Ontario*

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Ontario has established a working group to explore the feasibility of new models for delivering learning, training and instruction at the Kemptville campus in Eastern Ontario.

The working group will explore what courses and programs could be offered at the campus, as well as which organizations could help deliver them. The group will look at ways for the Kemptville campus to continue to focus on agriculture and food education as well as considering offering courses in health and wellness, business and trades training. The working group will submit their findings in late fall 2015.

The working group will include representatives from:

- University of Guelph
- Municipality of North Grenville
- United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
- Ontario's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ontario's Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

Ensuring the sustainability of agricultural education is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up. The four-part plan includes investing in people's talents and skills, making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history, creating a dynamic and innovative environment where business thrives, and building a secure retirement savings plan.

QUOTES

"The future of the Kemptville campus must be based on a fully sustainable, sound business plan. By collaborating with the working group and the municipality of North Grenville, Ontario is helping to secure a long-term solution that will support local economic growth, as well as encourage agricultural education and training in eastern Ontario."

– Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

"Our government is committed to finding innovative solutions for the Kemptville campus that meet local needs. I would like to thank the members of the working group for taking on this important task. Their guidance and insight will be critical as we work to ensure continued access to high quality agricultural programs and services for eastern Ontario's postsecondary students."

– Reza Moridi, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities

"The municipality is pleased with the establishment of the working group and the progress it has achieved to date. We see the group's efforts as forming the basis of a sustainable business plan leading to a not-for-profit corporation to renew and redevelop Kemptville

campus into an educational and multi-institutional campus relevant to Eastern Ontario, particularly in the areas of education and training, health and wellness and economic development .”

– David Gordon, Mayor of the Municipality of North Grenville

QUICK FACTS

- The Kemptville College was established by the Ontario government as an agricultural college in 1917. In 1997, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food transferred the operation of the campus and delivery of academic and skills training programs to the University of Guelph.
- The Kemptville campus land base and facilities are owned by Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario, and operated and maintained by the University of Guelph. The current management agreement with the University of Guelph terminates in 2018
- The Honourable Lyle Vanclief, a former federal Minister of Agriculture, was appointed in July 2014 to work with local communities to explore options for the Kemptville campus. The government announced their intention to move forward with his [recommendations](#) in early 2015.

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- [Ontario Addressing Recommendations for Kemptville and Alfred Campuses](#)
- [Future of the Kemptville College Campus: Report of the Honourable Lyle Vanclief](#)

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