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Perth County Installs New Council and Elects New Warden

STRATFORD, ON – Perth County is pleased to celebrate the election of a new Warden and Deputy Warden along with the inauguration of County Council for the 2026-2030 term.

In an election held on November 19, 2026 in the Superior Courtroom at the Perth County Courthouse in Stratford, Perth County Council elected Sue Orr, the mayor of Perth South as the next Warden of Perth County. The position of Warden is elected annually. The 2026-2027 term will be the first term for Sue as Warden. She served the 2025-2026 term as Deputy Warden alongside Dean Trentowsky.

“It is an honour and a privilege to serve as the next Warden of Perth County. Perth County is home to strong communities, innovative businesses, a thriving agricultural sector, and most importantly, people who care deeply about the future or our County.” said Warden Sue Orr. “I look forward to working with Council and Staff over the coming term where we will have many opportunities to work to elevate our region and collaborate together to see Perth County continue to prosper.”

In addition to the election of Sue Orr as Warden, Jerry Smith was acclaimed to the role of Deputy Warden. “I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Deputy Warden.” said Deputy Warden Jerry Smith. “I look forward to learning more in this new role and working together with my County Council colleagues to continue to build a region where everyone feels safe, welcomed, valued, and heard.”

“On behalf of Staff, I want to extend congratulations to Warden Orr, and Deputy Warden Smith.” said Lori Wolfe, Chief Administrative Officer. “Additionally, a sincere welcome to all new and returning Council members. I look forward to working together over the coming term of Council.”

Perth County Council is comprised of 10 members representing the four Lower-tier Municipalities: The Municipality of North Perth, The Township of Perth South, The Township of Perth East, and The Municipality of West Perth).

Perth County Council Members 2026 - 2030	
Municipality of North Perth	**Township of Perth East**
Doug Kellum, Mayor	Jerry Smith, Mayor
Matt Duncan, Deputy Mayor	Bob McMillan, Deputy Mayor
Sarah Blazek, Councillor	Jeremy Matheson, Councillor

Township of Perth South	Municipality of West Perth
Sue Orr, Mayor	Dean Trentowsky, Mayor
Jeff Bell, Deputy Mayor	Nicholas Vink, Deputy Mayor

For more information about County Council, please visit: www.perthcounty.ca/council

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About Perth County: Perth County is a vibrant upper-tier municipality located in Southwestern, Ontario. This rural region is comprised of 4 lower-tier municipalities. To learn more information about our programs and services, visit: www.perthcounty.ca

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Photo (left to right): Warden Sue Orr, Deputy Warden Jerry Smith



Photo: Front Row Warden Sue Orr, Deputy Warden Jerry Smith
Second Row: Councillor Dean Trentowsky, Councillor Sarah Blazex, Councillor Kellum
Third Row: Councillor Matt Duncan, Councillor Nicholas Vink, Councillor Jeff Bell
Top Row: Councillor Jeremy Matheson, Councillor Bob McMillan