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DEBBIE ROBINSON NEW WARDEN OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW

Township of Laurentian Valley Reeve Takes Over From Township of Bonnechere Valley Mayor

Pembroke, (ON): Township of Laurentian Valley Reeve Debbie Robinson formally took the Oath of Office at today's session of County Council and assumes the Office of the Warden of the County of Renfrew for a one-year term. Warden Robinson was elected by her peers amongst County Council, and defeated Councillor Tom Peckett from the Township of McNab/ Braeside. Warden Robinson takes over from Past-Warden Murphy who held the position for three terms. Warden Robinson was nominated by fellow Councillor Michael Donohue, with Councilor James Brose as Secunder.

Upon assuming the Chain of Office for the County of Renfrew, Warden Robinson presented a brief outline of some of her goals and objectives for 2020 in an inaugural address to Council and guests. *"As a council we will continue to move forward on successful projects like the Highway 417 expansion, completion of the Algonquin Trail, increased Active Transportation projects, and finding funding to make efficient use of our resources both human and financial."*

Warden Robinson also spoke to these issues, *"We will press forward with initiatives concerning community housing, child care, and Ontario works. We will move forward in the adoption of the Butterfly Model for Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge. We must ensure that our community's most vulnerable are given the services and supports that they deserve and require. Together we will work with the Province to protect our assets and investments in these programs and services."*

Warden Robinson has served in municipal government for the past 13 years, prior to that she was a local journalist, and deeply involved as a community volunteer, where she sat on boards of governance for many associations in the county.

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