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NEWS RELEASE

Picton Cenotaph Revitalization to Commence

Picton, ON - The County of Prince Edward has cleared the way for the Picton Cenotaph revitalization to proceed by granting permission for the removal of three declining trees on the property. The project will be undertaken this summer in cooperation with the major road construction project at this intersection and will result in a fully revitalized Cenotaph Park with eight new trees.

The three Red Maples to be removed from the site were evaluated by a certified arborist. The condition report estimated that the trees are approximately the same age and were planted in the 1920's, around the same time the Cenotaph was created. The report indicates that the trees have passed the mature tree status and have reached the decline stage. Any excavation and/or soil compaction in the area will add stress causing increased dieback and eventual tree mortality.

"The revitalized Cenotaph Park will serve our community for the next hundred years," said Mayor Leo P. Finnegan. "Community support for this project has been overwhelming with the fundraising campaign very close to its goal. I am pleased the County could support the Royal Canadian Legion and its Cenotaph Revitalization Project Campaign Committee on this venture."

A full rendering of the planned Park is on display at the Cenotaph Park. Donations are still being accepted for the project at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 78, 347 Main Street East, Picton.

Any concerns related to tree removal or the cenotaph revitalization process should be directed to Dan Cousins, Manager of Parks and Arenas at 613-476-1159.

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