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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Wellington Rescue Boat Dedication Ceremony**

Picton ON – The County of Prince Edward is the proud owner of a new rescue boat and now has a Coast Guard Auxiliary Program operating out of Wellington Harbour. In a dedication ceremony at the harbour on May 10, dignitaries and community volunteers officially launched the rescue vessel, which was donated by the Ontario Provincial Police Department.

Commissioner Julian Fantino was in attendance to officially present the County with the 25 foot Limestone vessel. A donation from the Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows of \$5,000 provided the safety equipment necessary to effect rescue and life saving. Corporate sponsors will also assist with upgrades, maintenance and operations as well as training volunteer crew members.

The County recognized the co-ordinated efforts of the following individuals and groups in promoting the idea, fundraising and donating funds towards transferring and equipping the boat for rescue use:

O.P.P. Commissioner Julian Fantino;  
Walter Oster, Chairman/CEO Canadian Sportsmen's Show;  
Harbour Advisory Committee members;  
Rob and Don McCallum, volunteers;  
Carl Eggiman, volunteer and Wellington Rescue Commander;  
Canadian Coast Guard and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, Gary Endicott;  
Ian Scrimshaw, Wellington Harbour Improvement Project (W.H.I.P.) volunteer;  
Chris Bowles, W.H.I.P. volunteer and Wellington Harbourmaster; and  
Ron Dubyk, Manager of Properties. Recreation Parks and Culture Department, County of Prince Edward.

"We place a high value on the safety of our residents and visitors," said Mayor Leo P. Finnegan. "The provision of coast guard search and rescue services, operating out of the Wellington Harbour, is a significant enhancement to the services we offer the thousands of boaters that travel in our special area of Lake Ontario."

The County of Prince Edward has demonstrated its commitment to the enhancement of the Wellington Harbour through regular dredging of the harbour, the installation of new washrooms and showers and contributions to the Rotary Wellington Beach Project.

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See photo of rescue boat below:

