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Statement on the passing of Warden Jean Paul St. Pierre

L'Original, October 18, 2014 – The United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR), as well as members of Council and employees, were saddened to learn of the sudden passing this morning of Warden Jean Paul St. Pierre.

The UCPR received confirmation early Saturday morning that Warden St. Pierre had passed away. Thoughts at this time are with his family members, relatives and friends.

“Today, we have lost our leader, but also a great friend and a wonderful human being,” said Stéphane P. Parisien, Chief Administrative Officer of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. “As our Warden this year, Jean Paul made great strides in strengthening relationships between local municipalities, their mayors and also among employees. In addition to being a great visionary at the council table, he was a compassionate person and a unifying force.”

In addition to his role as County Warden, St. Pierre was also the Mayor of the Township Russell and the Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC). He was actively campaigning for another mandate in the upcoming municipal elections on October 27.

“On behalf of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Jean Paul's wife, Jocelyn, and his family,” said Mr. Parisien. “Our thoughts are with his family members, his friends, employees of the United Counties and of Russell Township, and all the residents and many people whose lives he touched. His great generosity and his contributions at the municipal and regional levels will not be forgotten.”

Jean Paul St. Pierre had served as Mayor of the Township of Russell since 2010 and, prior to that, as councillor for four years. As a 40-year resident of the Village of Russell, he also spent six years as a Trustee for the Village of Russell Police before entering local politics.

He is survived by his wife, Jocelyn, his children and his grandchildren.

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