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Hastings County Celebrates 175th Anniversary

In today's Hastings County Council meeting, Warden Bob Mullin acknowledged the 175th Anniversary of the establishment of Hastings County Council.

On January 28th, 1850, Warden Edward Fidler and members of Council sat for the first official meeting of the newly established Hastings County Council. In 1792, Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe divided the Province of Upper Canada into 19 Counties and 15 ridings. Hastings was linked with Lennox, Addington, Prince Edward and Frontenac Counties as one riding and was named the District of Midland. As populations grew, new districts were added and in 1839 Victoria District was created to be the administrative level for Hastings County. It was then in 1850 when Victoria District and other districts were abolished, in favor of Counties, and Hastings County was established through the passing of the Baldwin Act.

"Hastings County Council has been a constant, steadfast presence in the lives of our residents," stated Warden Mullin. "From supporting local municipalities to fostering collaboration across our vast and beautiful region, the Council has consistently worked to address the needs of our communities—whether in times of growth, adversity, or change."

Warden Mullin also acknowledged all those who have served on County Council over the years, as well as the staff members, community members, and leaders who have contributed their time, energy, and passion to making Hastings County a better place to live.

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