

Perth County Council Today

Each year Councillors elect a member from amongst themselves to be Warden and head of government for the County.

At their meetings, County Councillors listen to and respond to public delegations and staff reports. They debate and approve by-laws and policies for the public services administered by the County such as Paramedic Services, Public Works, Planning, Provincial Offences Court and Stratford-Perth Archives. The County of Perth and its lower-tier municipalities work in partnership to provide quality services to residents, businesses and visitors, fostering strong communities. The four lower-tier municipalities are the Municipality of North Perth, the Township of Perth East, the Township of Perth South and the Municipality of West Perth. The City of Stratford and the Town of St. Marys operate under their own municipal governments that are independent from the County's government – though there are many partnerships to provide efficient services.

Symbols of the original townships are hung on the walls of the Council Chamber alongside those of the four municipalities as restructured in the 1990s that make up Perth County today.

The Superior court room on the second floor has two jury boxes which were required for 24-member grand juries that were convened in times past to inspect property maintained by public funds. The two jury boxes also provide premium seating for past Wardens during Warden's elections. For example, here is Warden Ivan Norris giving his inaugural speech in the Superior Court Room in December 1988.



Warden
Dean Trentowsky



The current Warden of Perth County is Doug Kellum, with Dean Trentowsky serving as Deputy Warden.



Front Row: Doug Kellum (Deputy Mayor, North Perth), Rhonda Ehgoetz (Mayor, Perth East), James (Jim) Aitchison (past Mayor, Perth South)*
Middle Row: Hugh McDermid (Deputy Mayor, Perth East), Walter McKenzie (Mayor, West Perth), Sue Orr (Mayor, Perth South)
Back Row: Matt Duncan (Councillor, North Perth), Todd Kasenberg (Mayor, North Perth), Dean Trentowsky (Deputy Mayor, West Perth), Jerry Smith (Councillor, Perth East)

*Note: Jim Aitchison passed away on November 21, 2024. Not pictured, Bob Wilhelm (Councillor, Perth South) who has stepped into his place on County Council.



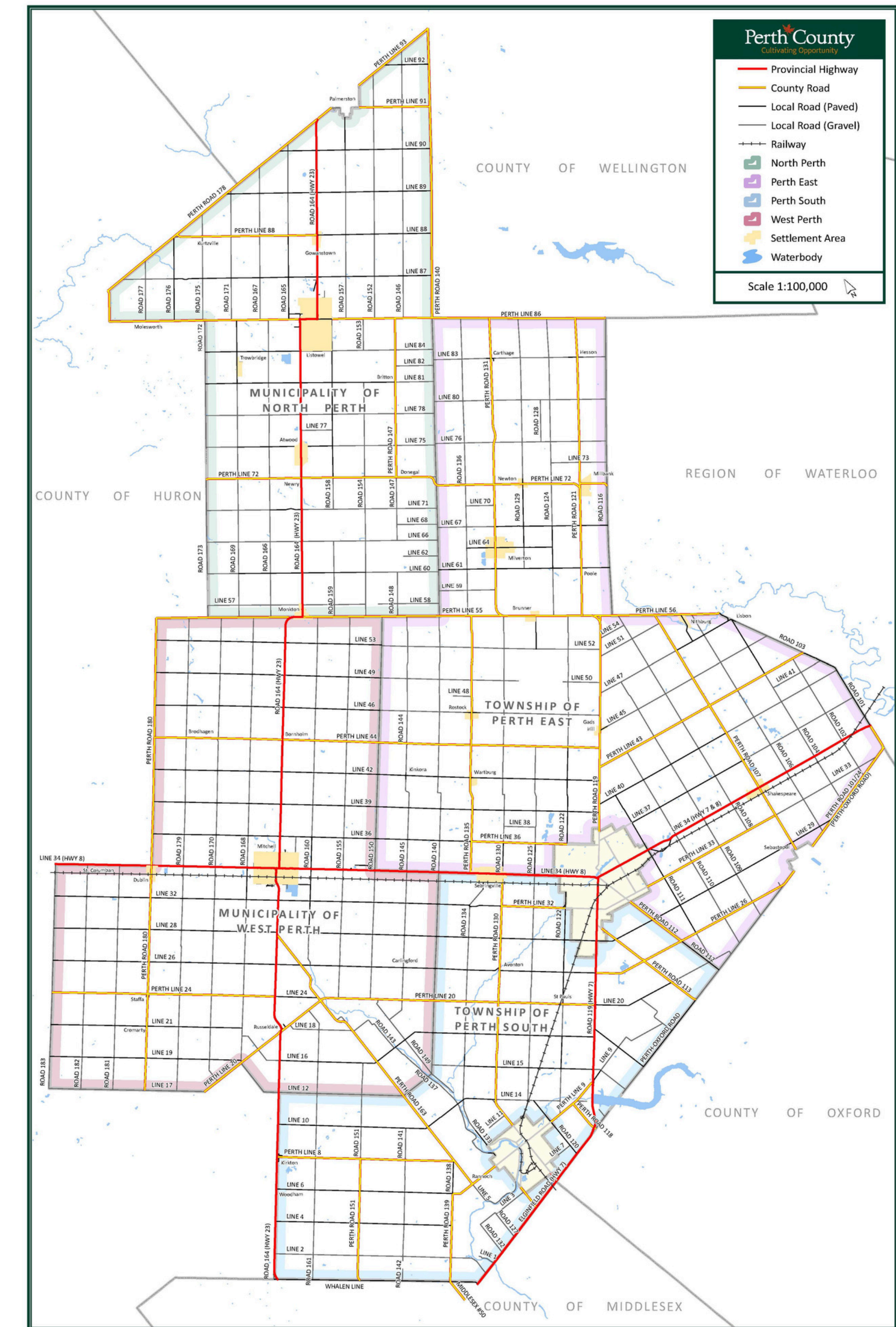
Deputy Warden
Sue Orr



The Warden's Election typically takes place in the Superior Court Room at the Courthouse. This photo from 1988 depicts Warden Ivan Norris (Reeve of Hibbert Township) giving his inaugural speech.



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