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Elgin County hires new HR director

CENTRAL ELGIN – Elgin County has hired a seasoned human resources (HR) director to oversee its staffing demands.

Robert Bryce was welcomed to the senior management team today, bringing his 20 years of human resources experience and knowledge from both the private and public sector to the county.

Bryce, a graduate of McMaster University in Hamilton, spent a majority of his career with Ford Motor Company as HR director in both Canada and the United States. His service included a three-year HR leadership role at the St. Thomas Assembly Plant.

“Rob brings extensive experience in labour relations, collective agreement development and administration and strong financial business skills to the position,” said chief administrative officer Mark McDonald. “Combined with his leadership and communication skills, he is a dynamic addition to our team.”

Warden Bonnie Vowel also welcomed Bryce.

“He understands the challenges facing the county as we deal with shrinking tax revenues while trying to maintain service to our ratepayers,” she said. “His previous experience at the City of Burlington will also serve us well.”

The county employs about 400 persons. The HR position opened when the former director, Harley Underhill, retired.

Elgin County continues to take a leading role in long term planning including tourism and economic development initiatives with an emphasis on its award-winning brand, ‘Progressive by Nature.’

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