

Here are the highlights from the special Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Oct. 8.

- **Warden's Golf Tournament Proceeds Presented:** Warden Richard Kidd (Beckwith Reeve) presented cheques to two local groups from proceeds from the Annual Warden's Golf Tournament held Aug. 15. A cheque for \$3,061.91 went to St. John Ambulance and \$9,185.72 was presented to representatives from the United Way of Lanark County. Warden Richard Kidd (Beckwith Reeve) said St. John Ambulance was chosen to help recognize the services the organization provides in Lanark County. It provides training and community service, including first aid and CPR training, emergency response support, therapy dog visitation and more. Davie Dargie of St. John Ambulance expressed appreciation for the donation and indicated the funds have helped to pay the mortgage for St. John House, which frees up funds for operating costs. In his presentation to the United Way, Warden Kidd noted funds raised for the United Way in Lanark County stay here. It serves more than a dozen agencies related to youth, seniors, health and more. Fraser Scantlebury, executive director, thanked for the contribution. "We always appreciate the support from Lanark County through the golf tournament and the employees, which amounts to almost \$20,000." He said last year the organization helped 8,000 people in Lanark County and is aiming for 8,500 this year. "This year's proceeds represented the most ever raised at the golf tournament," Warden Kidd said. "Thank you to our staff for their organization of the golf tournament, which goes a long way to making it so successful." For more information, contact Erica Patterson, Council and Clerk Services Assistant, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1505. **Presentation photos are available at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zm96jofhejwc9tr/AACyKQA0anMR1ot5T31IaKPTa?dl=0>**
- **Council Supports Funding for Cycling Map:** Council has approved a motion to support the Lanark County Tourism Association's request for joint project funds in the amount of \$7,000. The economic development committee made the recommendation following a presentation at its meeting last month. Jeff Mills, who is co-chair of Mississippi Mills Bicycle Month and an advisory committee member with Ontario By Bike and Share the Road, along with Bob Mingie, president of the Lanark County Tourism Association, presented information outlining how a cycling map for the county would mesh with existing themes, attractions and publications. They noted cycle tourism is growing in Ontario and is becoming a way to explore cultural heritage in communities. The delegation outlined the economic benefits of cycling and the money spent by cycle tourists, noting provincial statistics from 2010 showed "2 million Canadian visitors participated in cycling activities in Ontario and spent \$391 million." For more information, contact Marie White, Lanark County Tourism Manager, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1530.
- **Approved Official Plan Amendment Highlights Trails:** Council approved an official plan amendment for Beckwith Township, which includes an item requiring developers of future subdivisions there to dedicate and construct trails and pathways as part of the required infrastructure of the subdivision, as opposed to providing them as part of a parkland dedication requirement. Warden Richard Kidd (Beckwith Reeve) expressed his support for the amendment. "It's like treating trail infrastructure the same as we would sidewalks and roads," he explained. The amendment supports several themes found in the county's Sustainable Lanark plan, including infrastructure and quality of life (supporting safe walking and cycling) and healthy communities (increased physical activity by providing access to programs and facility, including public spaces and green spaces). For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, Oct. 22 (following County Council); Public Works, Oct. 22 (following Economic Development); Special County Council, Oct. 22 (following Public Works). **County Council, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Nov. 12 (following County Council); Corporate Services, Nov. 12 (following Community Services). For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!