
Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Sept. 9.

- **ATV Bylaw Amended:** Council has authorized a bylaw amendment that regulates all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and off-road vehicles (ORV) on county roads. In June 2013, the county adopted a bylaw regarding specific ATVs on county roads, excluding Perth, Carleton Place and Almonte. As of July 1, 2015, amendments were made to the Highway Traffic Act Ontario Regulation 135-15 that allow for additional types of ORVs and ATVs that meet off-highway industry standards, including two-up ATVs, side-by-side ATVs and utility terrain vehicles. These additional types may now travel along permitted provincial highways and on municipal roads where a municipal bylaw exists to allow it. County roads within Perth, Carleton Place and Almonte continue to be restricted. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Deputy Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1501.
- **Tay Valley Official Plan Amendment Approved:** Council has approved Tay Valley Township's Official Plan Amendment #4 with modifications. The official plan dates back to 2000 and required a major update that incorporates the township's community vision, which was set out in its strategic plan in 2013. It also brings the official plan into compliance with current provincial policies and regulations, as well as the county's official plan, and extends the planning horizon to 2033. The process began more than two years ago and included public notification and meetings, which resulted in more than 200 comments from residents, landowners and agencies. An application for approval was filed with the county in December 2014 and an official plan review team then consulted with township staff and completed the review process. The amendment includes updated mapping from provincial ministries and agencies related to wetlands, woodlands, abandoned mines, source water intake protection zones, sand and gravel areas, shorelines and floodplains, and includes 15 new policy areas. Municipal plan review services for the application were completed for the county by David Krajaefski, Senior Project Manager with Stantec Consulting. For more information, contact Mary Kirkham, Planning Administrator, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1520.
- **Tenders Awarded in Community Forest:** Council has approved two tenders allowing specific uses in part of the Lanark County Community Forest known as the Thorne Community Forest in Lanark Highlands. One was for hardwood timber harvest and the other for a 10-year rental agreement for maple sugar bush tapping, with two additional five-year options (a total of 20 years). The timber harvest relates to the thinning of the maple stand for the operation of a sugar bush, and they were tendered simultaneously. Invitations were sent to 36 contractors for the timber harvest and a site meeting was held with five contractors attending. The tender for the sugar bush tapping was sent to the Lanark County Maple Syrup Producers, and two contractors attended the site meeting. Both tenders were awarded to Wheelers Maple Products, which was the only bidder in both instances. The harvest and tapping operation will be closely monitored by Brian Anderson, Community Forest Advisor, to ensure contractors comply with best practices. For more information, contact Jonathan Allen, Facilities Coordinator, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 3170.
- **Donation of Land for Trailhead:** Council has approved the acceptance of a donation of land from Omya Canada Inc. to be used as a trailhead location for the Glen Tay to Havelock Trail. The Lanark County portion of the trail is 35 kilometres. Omya has offered to donate the land to be used as a trailhead and parking lot area. It is between three and four acres with an existing entrance off Hwy. 7. In addition, Omya will fence off the west end of the site (adjacent to its processing operation) and

supply aggregate for a parking lot. The Lanark County Municipal Trails Corporation has received grant funding to build the parking lot. A thank you letter and charitable donation receipt for the value of the property will be sent to Omya. For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.

- **Seeking Nominations for Awards of Excellence:** If you know someone who has made a significant and/or extraordinary contribution to Lanark County, please consider submitting a nomination for the Awards of Excellence! The award recognizes citizens, organizations, businesses or industries in one or more of the following categories: volunteerism, community service, youth; business, agriculture, industry, tourism; heritage and ecology; arts, culture, recreation, sports; philanthropy or other. Nomination forms can be obtained from the clerk's office at 99 Christie Lake Rd. or online at <http://www.lanarkcounty.ca/Page2162.aspx>. Check the link for more details and info about past recipients. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 5. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Deputy Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.

- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, Sept. 23 (following County Council); Public Works, Sept. 23 (following Economic Development). **County Council, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Oct. 7 (following County Council); Corporate Services, Oct. 7 (following Community Services). For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!