

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Oct. 7.

- **Warden Presents Golf Tournament Proceeds:** Warden Keith Kerr (Tay Valley Reeve) presented cheques from the proceeds of the Annual Warden's Golf Tournament held Aug. 14 to local hospitals and the United Way of Lanark County. The Great War Memorial Hospital Foundation, Carleton Place Hospital, Almonte General Hospital Foundation and the United Way of Lanark County each received cheques for \$2,117. "I would like to thank all of the people here tonight and their organizations for the wonderful work they do in the community," Warden Kerr said. 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/8t966dlrihdlf4/AABLDfUEsIK5_9Taj_T_8r-pa?dl=0**
- **Tourism Report Provides 2015 Highlights:** At a recent economic development committee meeting, Lanark County Tourism Manager Marie White updated councillors on tourism projects and programs completed so far in 2015. Highlights include the upcoming Lanark County Festivals and Events Guide for 2016, which will feature a cover and editorial devoted to the 200th anniversary of the Perth Military Settlement. The third annual Lanark County Harvest Festival featuring Tay Valley Township on Sept. 13 offered new cooking demonstrations, additional musical entertainment and various seminars culminating with a home-cooked church supper. Ms. White outlined the numerous volunteers, participants and partners who were involved with the festival. The tourism department has also created a YouTube video series featuring the 7 Wonders of Lanark County and is continuing to work on a series of tourism information signs, with the first one installed in Carleton Place aiming to assist visitors by offering maps and information. The Lanark County Tourism website was nominated for a 2015 Ontario Tourism Award of Excellence and features an innovative custom tour tool, which Ms. White says is the first of its kind in the province (see "Plan Your Trip" at www.lanarkcountytourism.ca). Other website innovations are planned for this year. Ms. White also provided statistics to the committee related to tourism promotion and visitors reached, and outlined trade show participation and the many benefits of networking with travel media. The report was accepted by council. For more information, contact Marie White, Lanark County Tourism Manager, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1530.
- **Council Supports LCMTCC Direction:** Council has passed a motion recommending that the Lanark County Municipal Trails Corporation remain a separate legal entity and that council support the corporation's mandate. This includes working towards establishing a ring trail of the entire county; maintaining, enhancing and promoting county trails; limiting new county trails to those connecting multiple municipalities; working with local municipalities to connect trails, establish common standards and signage, and to promote and encourage trail use by residents and visitors; and working with all partners to apply for applicable grants and to maintain trails. The LCMTCC was incorporated as an approved charity in October 2006. In January 2014 the corporation was asked to establish a trails strategy and to review its operations. Since then the LCMTCC has adjusted its approach and has worked to actively fulfil its mandate while reducing reliance on county staff resources. CAO Kurt Greaves said LCMTCC is showing an impressive number of volunteer hours to maintain the trails, has engaged numerous partners and has successfully secured grant funding. "The Lanark County Municipal Trails Corporation has been progressively fulfilling its mandate," he reported. "At this time, it is important for Lanark County Council to record its support for the organization and provide direction moving forward." Several councillors expressed their

congratulations to the LCMTC volunteers for their hard work. For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.

- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, Oct. 21 (following County Council); Public Works, Oct. 21 (following Economic Development). Note: There will be no regular meetings on Remembrance Day. **County Council, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Nov. 18 (following County Council); Corporate Services, Nov. 18 (following Community Services). For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!

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