

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Jan. 13.

- **Paramedic Station Contract Awarded:** Council has authorized the warden and CAO to award a contract for the design/build-to-suit lease of a paramedic station on the corner of Lorne Street and Rideau Avenue South in Montague Township to Guy Saumure & Sons Construction Ltd. The current leased base in Smiths Falls no longer meets the requirements of the Lanark County Paramedic Service. In late September the county issued a request for proposals for the base to be located within 5 kilometres of Smiths Falls Town Hall in either Montague or Drummond/North Elmsley townships. Six proposals were received from four bidders and were evaluated and scored by a team made up of county staff from corporate services and public works. The lease is for 20 years with options to extend. The province funds 50 per cent of the total lease and operating costs of the new station. The new site on the boundary with Smiths Falls provides efficient access to roads and streets in the county and town. The total lease cost for 20 years is \$2.46 million. A building committee will be established for the duration of the project with terms of reference approved by the striking committee. For more information, contact Kevin Wills, Senior Financial Analyst, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1323.
  
- **Amendment Incorporates Source Water Protection:** Council Council has approved modifications to a section of the Tay Valley Township Official Plan related to source water protection policies, which completes the township's five year review process. The township adopted the amendment in September 2014 and the county approved it with modifications in September 2015 with the exception of the source water protection policies. The provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing approved the source water protection County Official Plan policies in October. In November, the official plan review team consulted with township staff and the project manager of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region and prepared modifications that would ensure the policies in the township's official plan are consistent with relevant sections of the Provincial Policy Statement, The Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan and the County Official Plan to protect the quality and quantity of water, including protection measures at the source within Tay Valley Township. After the meeting Warden Gail Code (Drummond/North Elmsley Deputy Reeve) commended staff of both the county and Tay Valley for their excellent working relationship throughout the official plan amendment process. For more information, contact Mary Kirkham, Planning Administrator, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1520.
  
- **Official Plans Reflect Perth Boundary Change:** Council has approved an amendment to the Lanark County Sustainable Communities Official Plan (Official Plan Amendment No. 4) that would show a change to the municipal boundary of Perth to reflect recently annexed lands to the north and west of the town and include portions that are proposed to be developed with full municipal services. It also approved the related official plan amendment in the town's plan. Adoption of SCOP OPA No. 4 puts in place an agreement between the province, county and town, which then allows for the finalization of the town's five-year official plan review. There is a 20-day appeal period from the date of notice. The town must formally accept its OPA, and if there are no appeals to SCOP OPA No. 4, the county can approve

Perth's OPA, which is followed by another 20-day appeal period. Perth's official plan revisions touch on many themes in the county's SCOP, including the arts, places and events, history and heritage, tourism, infrastructure and quality of life, economic development, local natural heritage features, climate change, local food, energy, water, housing, age-friendly communities, safety, and diversity. For more information, contact Mary Kirkham, Planning Administrator, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1520.

- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, Jan. 27 (following County Council); Public Works, Jan. 27 (following Economic Development). **Special County Council, Jan. 27 (following Public Works). County Council, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Feb. 10 (following County Council); Corporate Services, Feb. 10 (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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