

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Feb. 10.

- **Update on Perth's Official Plan Amendment: Update on Perth's Official Plan Amendment:** With no appeals received at the closure of the appeal period on Feb. 3, council passed a motion approving the Town of Perth's Official Plan Amendment No. 14. In December, the economic development committee received a report outlining revisions to the county's Sustainable Communities Official Plan through Official Plan Amendment No. 4. The same report recommended approval of the town's OPA No. 14, subject to modifications, after the appeal period ended for the county's OPA. Perth Council reviewed the modifications to its OPA and accepted them. A 20-day appeal period will apply from the date of notice of the county's approval. The official plan modifications to OPA.14 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. Adoption of SCOP OPA No. 4 put in place an agreement between the province, county and town, which then allowed for the finalization of the town's five-year official plan review (OPA No.14). After the meeting Warden Gail Code (Drummond/North Elmsley Deputy Reeve) commended staff of both the county and Perth for their excellent working relationship and patience throughout the official plan amendment process. For more information, contact Mary Kirkham, Planning Administrator, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1520.
- **Public Consultation to Begin:** Council has approved a proposed public consultation process for the draft County of Lanark Forest Conservation By-law, which would replace the previous tree-cutting by-law. The Community Forest Working Group has been working on adjusting the forest conservation bylaw for almost a year. It uses the "Template for Good Forestry Practices Forest Conservation By-Laws" that has been developed by the Provincial Forest Conservation By-Law Committee, led by the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources with input from municipalities. The template has been used by several municipalities to develop by-laws tailored to suit local conditions. The county will host a public information centre this spring (to be advertised). Comments received by interested members of the public following a detailed review of the document will be considered by the Forest Working Group, with another draft of the by-law brought to the economic development committee. The by-law applies to areas of more than two hectares where good forestry practices are not followed. It provides flexibility for property owners while encouraging good forestry practices. "Most companies around Lanark County understand good forestry practices," said Jonathan Allen, Facilities Coordinator. For more information, contact Jonathan Allen, Facilities Coordinator, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 3170.
- **Setting Standards for Asphalt:** Based on concerns raised about the high cost of road maintenance due to deteriorating asphalt, council received a report by Public Works Director Terry McCann regarding specifications for hot mix asphalt on a job going out to tender. Mr. McCann said information was considered from the CoST Roads East Group, which is the County, Single Tier, Eastern Ontario County Public Works Directors group, as well as information from a major Ontario asphalt cement supplier. In addition, results were examined from a tender last year by neighbouring municipalities. Mr. McCann said the new asphalt

specification will address the major asphalt issues. It takes into account a series of tests to address a number of identified past issues with the asphalt cement binder. The tests are based on climactic conditions, project location and traffic levels. In addition, the county will have an independent geotechnical company do site visits to the asphalt plant during production to complete the tests and do mix testing to ensure it is being produced within specifications. The amount of recycled asphalt pavement in the mix will be limited, and a specified warm mix asphalt additive should lower mixing temperatures at the plant so there is less chance of asphalt cement being damaged. Mr. McCann said this provides a more consistent temperature of the mix as it is placed, resulting in more consistent compaction. A two-year warranty will be invoked on the asphalt portion of the job. Mr. McCann said a 5- to 10-per cent cost increase per tonne is anticipated, but should result in a longer-lasting product that will be worth far more than the expected price increase. For more information, contact Terry McCann, Director of Public Works, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 3190.

- **County Support for Kilt Marathon:** Council received a report from Public Works Director Terry McCann regarding the county's contribution toward the Kilt Run Marathon to be held June 26. The event begins at 6 a.m. in Rideau Ferry and is to be completed at around 11 a.m. at EcoTay in Tay Valley Township. The marathon affects three county roads: Rideau Ferry, Christie Lake and Scotch Line. Mr. McCann explained all three roads will be closed for one to two hours at different times in the morning. He said there will be an OPP presence throughout the race, with a cruiser at the front and another at the rear of the racers, Any required emergency vehicles will be escorted through by the OPP, and racers will use only one side of the road. The event organizers will have barricades and volunteers at intersections along the route. The county will provide barricades, signs and county vehicles, along with at least 16 volunteers to monitor the busiest intersections. For more information, contact Terry McCann, Director of Public Works, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 3190.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, Feb. 17 (following County Council); Public Works, Feb. 17 (following Economic Development). **County Council, Wednesday, March 9, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, March 9 (following County Council); Corporate Services, March 9 (following Community Services). For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!