

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

- **Proceeding with Traffic Signal Assessment Plan:** Council has approved a motion to implement its traffic signal assessment plan and an upgrades timeline, as well as to provide purchasing authority for its implementation. This comes following a staff report to public works last year that showed a need for a comprehensive review of the county's existing traffic signal infrastructure based on increasing maintenance issues and legislative requirements. The review was completed by Partham Engineering Ltd. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires all new crossings have vibro-tactile walk indicators and that existing signals be modified by 2025. A timeline was prepared by Public Works Director Terry McCann that balances the cost of these repairs over a seven-year period so that all upgrades are completed by 2025. The works identified for 2016 have been awarded to Partham Engineering Ltd., and prices for remaining identified works will be obtained through a request for quotation process. The total cost of the upgrades over the seven-year period is estimated to be \$895,000. For more information, contact Terry McCann, Director of Public Works, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 3190.
- **Economic Development Agreement Approved:** Council has passed a service delivery agreement by-law between Lanark County and Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation. Under the three-year agreement, Valley Heartland acts as the primary economic development body on behalf of the county. This includes liaising with Ontario Ministry representatives and Ontario East Economic Development regarding business investment or development opportunities; providing assistance and support for new start-ups, innovation and business development; developing partnerships to assist with investment information; providing guidance in accessing provincial and federal programs; identifying annual priorities for the county as part of the budget process; developing a three-year economic development strategy around food, including its possible relationship with tourism; coordinating regular networking meetings; coordinating major sector summit/conference opportunities; and acting as a community resource for municipalities and companies. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Deputy Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.
- **Lanark County Celebrating 150 Years:** Lanark County was established by Royal Proclamation on Aug. 23, 1866 and is marking its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016 through various promotional activities of the tourism department. Among some of the activities to acknowledge and celebrate the anniversary, a special edition of the Lanark County logo will be created by adding the tag line "Celebrating 150 Years," and a six-foot anniversary banner will be displayed at county events throughout the year, such as the Warden's Banquet, the Warden's Golf Tournament and the Lanark County Harvest Festival. Anniversary events will be promoted through social media, and use of the logo can be requested for promotional activities. Lanark County Tourism Manager Marie White reported the Agricultural Advisory Committee has suggested an historical mapping project to show the change in land use in Lanark County over time, as well as an agricultural hall of fame with partnership and support of the Lanark County fair boards. For more information, contact Marie White, Tourism Manager, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1530.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** Special Economic Development, April 20, 5 p.m. **County Council, Wednesday, April 27, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, April 27 (following County Council); Public Works, April 27 (following Economic Development). **County Council, Wednesday, May 11, 5 p.m.;**

Community Services, May 11 (following County Council); Corporate Services, May 11 (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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