

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, May 11.

- **Tay River Pathway Expansion Planned:** Council has supported a resolution from the Lanark County Municipal Trails Corporation regarding an endorsement of the extension of the Tay River Pathway, which is located behind the Lanark County Administration Building at 99 Christie Lake Road. The Tay River Pathway is a 1.5-kilometre (return) wheelchair accessible loop that begins behind Lanark Lodge and the Perth Community Care Centre and meanders past the Round Garden, shady areas and benches. The proposed extension would take the trail to a viewing deck on the edge of the Tay River through a natural, undeveloped area. A group of family members from the Lanark Lodge Family Council is working as a proponent of the trail, and Lanark County Council has approved in principle their proposal to extend the pathway contingent upon the group's ability to raise the necessary funds and in-kind labour, materials and equipment for the construction of the extension. The LCMTC has been authorized to coordinate the activities with the proponent and to provide updates to council regarding the extension. Already, the proponent has begun fundraising activities and consultations with various agencies and professionals regarding permits, routes, surveys, maps and drawings and is aiming to see the extension completed by Aug. 31. Learn more about the Tay River Pathway and contributing to the project at <http://www.tayriverpathway.ca/>. For more information, contact Erica Patterson, Council and Clerk Services Assistant, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1505.
- **Support for Fort McMurray:** Council passed a motion to contribute \$5,000 to support Fort McMurray fire victims in light of the devastating wildfires around the Alberta city. Funds will be placed so that the Canadian and Alberta governments can match the dollars. Other local municipalities are also considering and/or making contributions to show support. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Deputy Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, May 25, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, May 25 (following County Council); Public Works, May 25 (following Economic Development). **County Council, Wednesday, June 8, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, June 8 (following County Council); Corporate Services, June 8 (following Community Services). For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!