

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, June 22.

- **Affordable Housing Contract Awarded:** Council has authorized a contribution agreement with Regan Lee Developments for the provision of six affordable housing units in Perth. This results from a request for proposals issued in April for affordable housing units to be funded through the Investment in Affordable Housing Program 2014 Extension. The RFP closed in May with two proposals received and evaluated by the county's social housing manager, director of social services and senior financial analyst. The successful proposal consists of constructing 12 two-bedroom apartments in a three-storey building, with six affordable housing units at \$695 per month and the rest to be rented at a market rate of \$1,000 per month. Social Housing Manager Sandy Grey explained the building includes energy-efficient and accessibility features, and the company has experience in providing rent-geared-to-income units as well as other residential and commercial properties. Construction is slated to begin within 30 days of receiving approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and it is to be completed within 17 weeks. The IAH contribution of \$200,000 represents about 45 per cent of the construction cost of each funded unit and is provided by the federal and provincial governments. The project will increase the stock of affordable housing in Perth. For more information, contact Sandy Grey, Social Housing Manager, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 2401.

- **Council Reviews Priorities:** Council received an update from CAO Kurt Greaves regarding the priorities it established for 2016. The first of the 12 identified action plan items is economic efficiencies. Actions taken include adjustments to public works mechanic hours for a one-year trial, upcoming requests for proposals for energy-management services, a health benefits review, efforts in collective bargaining, and LED and micro-fit solar projects. In economic development and tourism the Valley Heartland contract has been updated as well as a new position and job description, and tourism plans (such as the Destination Development Plan) have been outlined. In policing, the county has worked with the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus on lobbying the province to reduce policing costs, explored the possibility of receiving a costing from the Ottawa Police Service, and attended stakeholder consultations for the new Police Services Act, which could help to reduce costs. The fourth priority, active trails, includes the CP Rail corridor purchase, paving about 36 kilometres of shoulders this year, extending the Tay River Pathway, utilizing a donation from Omya for a parking lot entrance permit on the Glen Tay to Havelock Trail, and updating the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance Agreement. For public transit, a transportation solutions study has been undertaken with public consultations happening this week. On housing and homelessness, a redevelopment is under consideration in Carleton Place, as well as a background study of best practices, work to implement the housing and homelessness plan is ongoing, and provincial and federal lobbying efforts continue. Archives Lanark is another priority, with a county report about potential support to come when the organization finds a new location. On the environment, the county aims to follow its Sustainable Lanark recommendations, as well as projects included in economic efficiencies. Other action plan items include youth centres, day care, the new community grants policy and senior issues. Mr. Greaves indicated the county is on track with most of the priorities, with presentations upcoming on the remaining items. For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.

- **Upcoming Meetings:** **Please note there are no meetings in July.** County Council, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 5 p.m.; Community Services, Aug. 10 (following County Council); Corporate Services,

Aug. 10 (following Community Services). **County Council, Wednesday, Aug. 31, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, Aug. 31 (following County Council); Public Works, Aug. 31 (following Economic Development). For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!

Please note: A separate release on the Special County Council meeting June 22 will follow.

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